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Ward tops league for reporting of crimes

TWO wards in Walsall were at the opposite ends of the reported crime in March.

St Matthews saw more crime than any other in the Black Country, with 319 reports.

Streetly saw the least, with just 24 incidents.

St Matthews councillor Mohammed Arif said he was 'extremely disappointed' that his ward, which covers Walsall town centre, had finished top of the Black Country crime league table.

"We are told that crime rates are going down and statistically that might be the case, but if you're a victim then one crime is too much. Here, we have specific problems in terms of drinking with homeless people and eastern Europeans doing that," he explained.

He called for a 'zero tolerance' approach to anti-social behaviour and said a re-structure of policing meant 'low-level' incidents were not responded to swiftly.

Streetly councillor Gary Clarke said: "We have had trouble here in the past but to me this is fantastic news."

"I've got to be honest, the police have been working with us and we've been trying to involve the youths a lot more and ensure they've got something to occupy their minds so it keeps them out of trouble."

Co-operation over repairs

MORE than £700,000 is to be ploughed into improving a busy route used by thousands of motorists a day in Walsall. Resurfacing will be carried out along pothole-ridden Wolverhampton Road, Pelsall, a main link between Bloxwich and Brownhills.

It is part of a joint scheme between South Staffs Water and Walsall Council which includes replacing water pipes around the Fingerpost junction area, followed by major carriageway repairs.

Walsall transport chief, councillor Tom Ansell, said: "We had talked to the water firm first to see it wanted to dig up the road first."

DEATH DOWN TO STRESS OF FRAUD

by Shaun Jepson

AN ELDERLY Walsall victim of serial fraudster and former Tipton Town FC chairman Bill Williams, who ripped off a string of people for almost £500,000 – has died having never received any of his money back from the conman.

The wife of Ronald Haynes said she feels that the stress of losing so much money contributed to her husband's death. She and former transport company owner Ronald lost £95,000 when they enlisted the bogus accountant to handle their life savings.



Conned... Ronald and Sheila Haynes

Williams is serving eight-and-a-half years for a series of frauds that saw him splash the stolen cash on family holidays to the USA and lavish parties.

Mr Haynes died suddenly at his home in Barr Beacon, last Saturday. He was 77. His wife, Sheila, said: "We were both different people after what Bill Williams did. He took all of our savings. It really played on Ron's mind a lot and I think the worry of what happened made him worse."

"It stayed with Ron until the day he died and it will stay in my mind until the day I die as well."

For about 30 years, Mr Haynes, who was originally from Darlaston, owned Ron Haynes Transport and delivered tyres to firms all over the West Midlands.

He formed his company after winning money when he made a bet on a horse race.

Admired

Mr Haynes, who has two sons and two step sons, was a member of Great Barr Golf Club for more than 35 years and met his wife during a party in West Bromwich. They would have been married for 34 years in July.

Mrs Haynes said she was struggling to come to terms with her husband's death.

She added: "He was such a lovely man. My Ron was a man of tremendous character and resilience, and I loved and admired him so much."

"I will continue to do that until I'm with him again. He was a character and everyone loved him for that."

Williams, of West Bromwich, also stole £276,000 from Wolverhampton murder suspect Andrew Diack, who was stabbed to death in the Flying Dutchman pub in 2009. And he stole £118,500 from two other men.

The funeral of Mr Haynes will take place on June 5 at All Saints Church in Newton Road, West Bromwich, at 1.30pm, followed by a burial at Heath Lane Cemetery in Walsall Road at 2.30pm.

Splashing time as lido reopens



Sisters Amelie, left, and Lilia Bainbridge, enjoy the new lido at the play area in Walsall Arboretum

HUNDREDS of children made a splash at the new-look £250,000 Walsall lido as it opened for the first time during spectacular sunshine.

Sun-drenched thrillseekers descended on the Arboretum to enjoy the launch of the heavily-anticipated attraction on Saturday.

The wet-play zone includes a number of sprinklers and splash areas and replaces the original lido, which dates back 60 years.

Simon and Karen Bainbridge, who live in the town, brought their daughters Lilia, seven, and Amelie, five, to the lido for the launch.

Mr Bainbridge said: "Now it is open it is absolutely brilliant. We have been waiting a long time for the works to be completed but they have done a brilliant job."

Cleaner

"It is fantastic for the young ones. They have been splashing about for over an hour. It is much better than the old one."

"I remember coming here when I was young and it was two pools and a platform in the middle and I used to swim around them. But it was nothing like this. It is cleaner and more fun."

"There has also been no problems whatsoever. 'The kids all absolutely love it.'"

The new splash pad and water play feature will be open at Walsall Arboretum from 11am until 5pm during half-term up until June 2.

The feature will open at weekends only between June 8 and July 21.

Mother got £36k in illegal benefits

A MOTHER fraudulently claimed more than £36,000 in benefits posing as a lone parent despite living with her partner, a court heard.

Sharon Payne pocketed income support along with housing and council tax benefits over a number of years.

The 44 year-old admitted two counts of dishonestly failing to notify a change of circumstances affecting entitlement to benefit between 2009 and 2012.

Walsall Magistrates Court was told claims for benefits started in 1990, with Payne receiving housing and council tax support. An investigation started last year.

Miss Rachel Smith, prosecuting, said Payne married husband Daniel in 2011 but it appeared the couple had been living together in Poplar Road, Brownhills, for some considerable time.

Loans and registrations with the NHS in both names were sent to the address.

When interviewed by the Department for Work and Pensions, she denied they had always been living together and insisted he stayed every 'now and again' and denied knowing if he was working, which would have impacted on the claim.

The mother-of-two said he regularly went to London and the address was just for correspondence. She dishonestly received £36,767.44.

The case was committed to Wolverhampton Crown Court for sentence on June 25. Payne was bailed.

Toolmaker to take on staff

A TOOLMAKING firm in Walsall is recruiting staff after winning new orders in the UK.

Lodent Precision, Coppice Side Industrial Estate, Brownhills, has increased from five to 44 workers over the past decade and has invested in new equipment and introduced its own in-house welding service.

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Pride of the infantry's best new recruit



A SOLDIER from Willenhall has won a top Army award after being hailed the best new recruit.

Private Luke Clifford successfully completed the Combat Infantryman's Course at a training centre in North Yorkshire. Senior officers even said the 18-year-old was the best recruit they have seen in the past two years.

Platoon commander Captain Jonny Davis said: "He has put in an outstanding performance during the whole six-month course."

"He finished the last couple of demanding weeks of the course very strongly and the training team think he is the best recruit they have seen in the last two years."

Pte Clifford said being told he had won the award was the best feeling he had ever had.

"I did a couple of part-time jobs but nothing that was going to lead to a career," he said. "I joined the Army to prove that I was determined that my life was going to amount to something."

Pte Clifford completed his training at the Infantry Training Centre.

"I enjoyed the course at Catterick but it is tough," he said. "You learn so much at such a speed you are always kept on your toes."

Breaking the news to his mother was an emotional moment, she burst into tears because she was so proud. "It proves to me that all my hard work has been rewarded," added Pte Clifford.

He will join his new unit the 3rd Battalion The Mercian Regiment in Germany.

Council against 20p station toilet charge

COUNCILLORS voted unanimously to press transport authority Centro to drop plans for a 20p charge at Walsall bus station's toilets as the proposals were branded 'scandalous'.

Centro planned to bring in the charge after an £80,000 revamp of the facilities at St Paul's bus station but the controversial plans were put on hold following criticism.

Warehouse left gutted by arsonist

A DISUSED warehouse in Brownhills was left gutted after a fire was deliberately started in it.

Around 25 firefighters tackled the blaze at the former Wernick Event Hire building in Apex Road.

Members of the public raised the alarm with the emergency services after seeing smoke and flames coming from the premises.

Five pumps were sent to tackle the blaze at around 5.50pm last Thursday (May 23).

Arsonists had started the fire in an office block inside the warehouse, said fire officials. It took crews four hours to contain the blaze and make the building safe.

Firefighters had to use breathing apparatus and thermal image cameras when they entered the warehouse.

It's all that jazz

JAZZ singer Barbara Taylor will be performing with her band at a gig in Great Wyrley tonight (Thursday). Barbara and All That Jazz will play at Harrison's Sports & Social Club, Wharwell Lane, from 8.30pm. Tickets are £3.

Success mapped out



With Shire Oak geography Teacher Carl Edwards are students, front, Ben Farmer and back, from left Ryan Lawley and Jay Dallaway

THREE geography students from Walsall put their skills to the test during an investigative trip to a national park.

Jay Dallaway, Ben Farmer and Ryan Lawley, from Shire Oak Academy, were challenged to answer the question 'Does Exmoor National Park meet its objectives?'

It was part of the Geographical Association's Worldwide Challenge Weekend, which only seven schools were chosen to take part in from across the UK.

The Year 9 students first visited Dunkery Beacon, the park's highest point, where they were told about the challenges the park faces and how it promotes tourism.

They were then split up and sent to destinations across Somerset to collect information. Jay and Ryan went to Dunster and

Exford to see the impact of tourism to learn about the importance of their cultural and industrial heritages.

Ben visited Porlock Weir to investigate the park's involvement in looking after the coastal region.

The group then gave a presentation on the park to judges from the GA and National Field Studies staff.

Shire Oak Academy geography teacher Carl Edwards said: "Our pupils' work received excellent feedback, the passion they showed for the topic was outstanding and also the quality of their work was likened to that of A-Level standard."

"Our boys all said what a brilliant time they had and made many new friends from a variety of schools."

Well-loved reverend is on move to new parish

A WELL-LOVED rector at Walsall's oldest church has announced he is leaving his post of 11 years.

Colin Gibson is moving on from St Matthew's Church to become the new vicar of the parish of Horton and Wraysbury near Windsor.

Rev Gibson said he was ready for a new challenge but added it would be hard to say goodbye to everyone.

The father-of-four said: "Me and my family have some wonderful memories from our time in Walsall. It has been absolutely fantastic. I'd like to say a special thanks to the people of Walsall. They have been golden to me and my family."

The 58-year-old, who came to Walsall with his wife Elisa in April 2002, said he would be taking with him many fond memories.

Mr Gibson is holding a farewell service at the church in St Matthew's Close on Sunday, June 2 at 6.30pm. He starts his new position in Horton and Wraysbury on July 10 after spending three weeks with son Ben, 19, in Bolivia.

Judge cuts jail term on appeal

A WOMAN who took part in an attack on two 16-year-old girls has had her jail term reduced on appeal.

Lisa Louise Walters grabbed a mobile phone from one of the victims, while her accomplices punched and kicked both teenagers as they waited at a bus stop in Walsall on May 8 last year.

The 31-year-old, of Scarborough Road, Pleck, was jailed for three years and five months after admitting theft and two counts of assault. But judges sitting at London's Criminal Court of Appeal agreed to cut her sentence to three years.

Lord Justice Elias said the sentence was too long in light of the charges she admitted.

Coffee morning boosts hospice

A GROUP which supports the work of Walsall's hospice for terminally ill adults has held one of its most successful fundraising events.

A coffee morning by the The WS3 Friends of Walsall Hospice raised a £705, which will go to the hospice in Goscoat.

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Summer start for schools scheme

WORK on a scheme worth more than £1 million, to improve schools across Walsall will begin during the summer holidays and is due to be completed by the end of the financial year.

Schools will contribute part of the funds for repairs, including roof, electrical, heating and extension works. It is part of a capital maintenance programme proposed by Walsall Council and involves funding from central Government.

Those to benefit include Meadow View, Pheasey, Whitehall Junior, Delves Road, and Pool Hayes Arts and Community.

Earmarked

Other primaries earmarked for improvements include County Bridge, in Bentley; Lodge Farm, Willenhall; Salisbury, in Darlaston; and Pheasey Park Farm. Structural works are needed at Kings Hill, in Darlaston.

Meanwhile, three former school sites, in Willenhall, which will be sold off are yet to be put on the market. The former Little London, Lakeside Junior and Clothier Street schools closed in 2007 after merging to become Fibbersley Park Primary.

Crackdown over abuse

POLICE are encouraging residents to raise awareness of domestic and child abuse.

A community roadshow was held in Walsall to get across the key message that abuse is not acceptable and should not be tolerated.

Supt Keith Fraser, from Walsall Police, said: "This is about getting our message out to as many of our people as possible."

"Abuse can be psychological, physical, emotional and sexual and is an under reported crime for all victims."

"We want to raise awareness of the help that is available and that if people get the strength to report it to us, we will take action quickly."

Birthday party

A PARTY will be held on June 22 to mark the fifth birthday of the Backyard Warehouse, based on the Gatehouse Trading Estate, Brownhills. It will be held at The Fountain Inn, Lower Forster Street, Walsall.

Job hopes as warehouse given go-ahead



Rose Burley

A LARGE warehouse and office development will be built on the last remaining plot of vacant land at a Walsall business park, bringing the promise of new jobs.

AXA Real Estate Investment Managers wants to build a 19,250 sq ft unit on a patch of scrub land at Access10 Business Park, Darlaston.

The scheme was given the go-ahead after it was adjudged to conform with

new simplified planning rules, known as a Local Development Order, which covers an area of 358 acres.

The area is wider than the enterprise zone to allow existing local businesses to benefit.

Bentley and Darlaston North Councillor Rose Burley welcomed the scheme and said she hoped it would bring good employment prospects in a tough economic climate. She said: "I

welcome any sort of regeneration of that area, particularly if it means more jobs in the locality."

More than 100 parking spaces would also be created Bentley Road South site, which has been earmarked for storage and distribution, general industrial or light industrial purposes.

No firm date has not yet been lined up to take over the development. The site has been developed over the past

20 years and includes a variety of occupiers including a food wholesaler, vehicle accident repair centre and specialist engineering companies.

Additional car parking spaces would assist neighbouring firm RSA Accident Repairs Ltd with the storage of vehicles awaiting repair or collection.

The development would include a 17,500 sq ft warehouse and 1,750 sq ft offices.

Nurse died of asthma after collapse at club

A NURSE from Willenhall died after suffering an asthma attack at a nightclub while out with friends, an inquest has heard.

Ramandeep Kaur, aged 22, fell ill on a balcony at Sence nightclub in Hurst Street, Birmingham, just after midnight on February 26 last year.

Birmingham Coroner's Court heard she had been diagnosed as asthmatic in 1996 and she had been admitted to hospital four times between October 2009 and May 2010 as her attacks became more severe.



Twin Ramandeep Kaur, left

Her friends, many of them fellow nurses, battled to bring her round but when paramedics arrived they could not find a pulse. Miss Kaur, of Willenhall, had suffered a cardiac arrest.

After she collapsed, ambulance staff carried out cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Miss Kaur, who worked at City Hospital in Winslow Green. After being rushed to A&E she was given adrenalin and steroids but was pronounced dead just before 2am.

System

A post mortem found no drugs in her system and a small amount of alcohol. The cause of death was given as an acute asthma attack.

Miss Kaur, who lived with her parents, sister Karen Bond and twin sister Amandeep, in Glenbury Green, had been a nurse since 2010.

She worked on ward D17, which looks after patients with respiratory and gastric conditions.

The case was adjourned until June 7, when a verdict will be recorded.

Since her death, friends and colleagues have organised a series of fundraisers events and in June will abseil down House of Fraser in Birmingham city centre.

Her sister Karen said: "We are still trying to come to terms with what happened."

Village goes vintage to raise money



Stallholders, from left, Vicky Brearley, Sharon Wood, Kerry Jones, Nadine Dixon-Bayliss, Claire Cole and Maisie Cole

SHOPPERS will be able to take a step back in time at a vintage fair this Sunday.

Retro clothing and accessories will be on sale at Pelsall Community Centre, Station Road, from 11am and there will be music from an Elvis tribute act as well as jitterbug dancers

and a burlesque entertainer. Organiser and stallholder, Sharon Wood, said: "This is our third vintage fair in Pelsall. We always have a great turn out with about 700 people visiting and the feedback we have is fantastic."

"There will be more than 50 stalls again selling a large selection of

vintage and handmade goods and stall holders will be dressed in a vintage style. There will also be cake, cocktails, makeovers and a good old rock 'n' roll."

The event runs until 4pm. Entry is £1 for adults and free for children. All money raised will go towards The Land Army Girl Memorial Fund.

NEWS

in brief

Author in call for help on new book

AN AUTHOR from Pelsall is researching her next book and hopes to speak to descendants of those men involved in the mining disaster of 1872.

Anita Bates is keen to hear from families wishing to contribute to the project, which focuses on Pelsall Hall Colliery and other mines and foundries that operated there.

She said she had already started in-depth research into the 1872 Pelsall Hall Colliery disaster and unearthed many interesting details. To help, email backintheaday@virginmedia.com or call 07906 046330.

Artist will unveil school sculpture

AN artist will join pupils next month to unveil her brick sculpture in their school's garden.

Gwen Heeney will visit New Invention Junior School on June 6.

Commissioned as part of the school's creative partnership work, the artist has worked with children using their ideas to create the brick sculpture called 'beastie benches'.

Fire cadets set to enter competition

YOUNG Firefighters from Aldridge and Wednesbury will be heading to France for an international cadet competition.

They will compete in Walsall's twin town Mulhouse. Paul Reddie, of the West Midlands Fire Service Young Firefighters Association (YFA) said: "It will also be an honour for us to present the Walsall crest to Mulhouse."

Lots of attractions join the carnival

A PETTING zoo, live bands and even Mickey Mouse have been lined up to appear at Willenhall Carnival at the town's Memorial Park, off Pinson Road, on June 15.

A car boot and trade stalls will also be among the attractions on the day, as well as demonstrations from the fire brigade.

Lost mansions of the Black Country

AN historian will talk about big houses that once existed in the Black Country at Walsall's Local History Centre on Monday. Ian Bott, of Wednesbury, will be visiting the Essex Street centre to speak on the lost mansions at 7.30pm. Tickets £2. Call 01922 721305.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



THERE may be no great global conspiracy behind the Woolwich murder. Knife-wielding maniacs who think they hear the voice of God were with us long before al Qaeda came along. Some psychopaths have a compulsion to kill. Religion gives them an excuse.

THIS week the FTSE index has been at a dizzying 6700-plus. This is about the level at which we ordinary folk begin to shift our savings out of borin' old building societies and into some exciting new Stock Market-linked scheme with a glossy brochure. However, this is the month when professional investors, who have been busy buying stock and pushing the FTSE up, are tempted by the old maxim: "Sell in May and go away." And if they decide to take their enormous profits and run, you could be left with your glossy brochure and not much else.

ANOTHER reader writes to tell me the finest oven-proof glassware comes from Jamaica and is known as the Pyrex of the Caribbean.

AND just to get all the nonsense out of the way in one go, yet another reader reports seeing his GP and having the following conversation: "Doctor, I think I'm losing my hearing." "Really, what are the symptoms?" "They're an American cartoon family."

THIS week's sad report on the decline of British wildlife reminds me of one of the most memorable assignments I ever had, 10 years ago on the Scottish island of Benbecula. Hedgehogs, introduced in the 1970s, were eating the eggs of sea birds and a cull had been ordered to rid the island of this "alien" species. Before the cull began, conservationists were busy trapping the creatures and shipping them to the British mainland where they would be released into safe areas. Sadly, those hedgehogs and their descendants, assuming they bred, may well be dead. The report, by 25 wildlife organisations, shows the UK hedgehog population has dropped by one-third in the past decade. Historians may well wonder why the experts, blessed with a thriving colony of these endearing little mammals on Benbecula, decided that birds were more important and eradicated it.

THE nanny state strikes again. I bought a pork pie whose wrapper declares sternly: "This pie contains two portions." Let me be the judge of that, Nanny. (Turned out to be one portion, after all).

DAVID Cameron believes his Bill legalising gay marriage will win votes for the Conservatives. So why was the Bill eagerly supported by Labour?

BEFORE the gay-marriage bill has even reached the Lords, pressure is growing to legalise humanist weddings. The druids, pagans, satanists and Jedi knights will be watching with interest.

WE MOAN about a chilly May. We should look across the Atlantic to the shattered remains of Moore, Oklahoma, torn to shreds by a massive tornado, and give thanks that we have nothing worse to complain about than clouds and showers.

THERE is only one lesson to draw from the abject Eurovision failures of Engelbert Humperdinck (75) and Bonnie Tyler (61). We are clearly not choosing singers who are old enough. Vera Lynn (96), your nation needs you.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Careless driver gets £90 fine and year ban

A DRIVER responsible for a car crash which left a nurse so badly injured that she will never walk again has been handed a £90 fine.

Amanda Chambers admitted careless driving when she appeared before magistrates in Walsall last week.

Victim Susan Moseley, of Burntwood, had been returning from giving friends a lift home after a New Year's Eve celebration when her car was struck by Chambers' Audi TT.

Her back, ribs and both ankles

were all fractured and she is still getting specialist treatment in hospital. The accident happened five days before the mental health nurse's 50th birthday.

Law

Walsall magistrates said their sentencing powers were restricted by the charge.

The road safety charity Brake have called for a change in the law, saying Chambers should have been charged with dangerous driving.

The collision happened in Lich-

field Road, Pelsall, at the junction of Highcroft, at 12.45am on New Year's Day when Chambers' car strayed on to the wrong side of the road as she turned the corner, hitting Mrs Moseley's oncoming Renault Clio.

Mrs Maggie Meakin, prosecuting, said 40-year-old Chambers, of Harpur Road, Walsall, was also badly hurt and, as a result, doctors were unable to obtain blood or urine samples for an alcohol test.

She still wears a brace and is unable to work, the court heard.

She could not explain what had happened but was "extremely remorseful", her lawyer said. Chambers was fined £90 and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £20 victim surcharge.

She was banned from driving for 12 months.

After the case, the victim's civil partner Susan Dunning told how the couple had been hosting a small party at their home where Mrs Moseley had drank only bitter lemon because she was driving friends home.

Nurse still haunted by paralysing crash

A NURSE who will never walk again after a horror crash has told how that night has changed her life forever.

Susan Moseley was speaking for the first time from her hospital bed as she continues her recovery from a New Year's Day smash in Walsall.

The 50-year-old has started to have flashbacks to the accident which left her disabled.

"I've had to have tablets because it's so frightening," she said.

"There was an orangey-brown and then blackness. It was like the world was going to end and in a way it has for me."

Mrs Moseley's back was broken, all her ribs and both her ankles were also broken in the smash, in Lichfield Road, Pelsall.

She was returning from driving home two close friends following a New Year celebration at the Burntwood home she shares with her civil partner Susan Dunning.

Wonderful

The other motorist Amanda Chambers, aged 40, of Harpur Road, Walsall, who admitted careless driving, was fined £90 and banned for a year (see story above).

Mrs Moseley, a mental health nurse, said from her hospital bed: "The only thing I can remember about the car journey is feeling very happy. We'd had a wonderful evening."

"Every year since I've been with Sue, we've celebrated the New Year with all our family and close friends."

Driving back in her Renault Clio, Mrs Moseley was looking forward to what was going to be a wonderful year.

by Marion Brennan

She had a milestone birthday coming up in January, when she was going to be 50, and her son Tom would be celebrating his birthday.

Mrs Moseley hopes to leave the specialist spinal injuries hospital, in Oswestry, in June but will have to move into supported accommodation in the Shropshire town before returning home when adaptations are completed at her bungalow.

Mrs Dunning said: "Every doorway will have to be widened, ramps have to be put in and she hasn't even got a wheelchair yet."

"There is a whole load of equipment that she is going to need."

"There is nowhere in Staffordshire for her to convalesce, it will have to be Oswestry. She will still need physio every day."

Mrs Moseley has been heartened by the 'really wonderful' support received from work colleagues at the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service in Lichfield, and from friends, with some travelling from London to visit her.

She also praised her extended family and her partner's children Katie, aged 31, and Andrew, aged 26, and their partners for their support during a very difficult time.

"People's kindness is overwhelming, and that helps me to be strong," she added.



People's kindness has been overwhelming, says Pelsall crash victim Susan Moseley

Outgoing mayor in tributes to carers

THE outgoing Mayor of Walsall said thank you to foster carers as one of his last acts in office.

Councillor Dennis Anson and Mayoress Kathleen held two receptions in the Mayor's Parlour to say thank you to new foster carers and retiring foster carers.

It was part of Foster Care Fortnight, which aims to encourage more people to sign up and take part.

Each foster carer was presented with a certificate and each retiring foster carer was given flowers.

Councillor Anson said: "It is a big responsibility becoming a foster carer. You are all doing a fantastic job."

Foster carer Elizabeth Sutor was among those attending. "It was quite unexpected to be honoured," she said. "My husband and I fostered years ago then took a break to focus on our own family but we all missed it so much that we decided to foster again."

Meanwhile, an appeal has been launched for more foster carers to come forward in Darlaston as it was revealed the town has just four mainstream carers.

Councillor Doug James said: "Darlaston, currently, has only four mainstream foster carers. Our community needs more. More foster carers means we can look after children in Walsall."

To find out more about fostering contact the family placements team on 0800 923 3706 or email fostering@walsall.gov.uk

Pavilion to be transformed

A PARK pavilion is being transformed with a £72,000 facelift to encourage more people to play sport.

Work is due to start this week at Kings Hill Park, Darlaston, where the building will get a major overhaul.

Park campaigners say they believe it will help encourage more people to use the park, playing sports and adopting a healthier outdoor lifestyle.

Cash has been agreed for the work, which will include rewiring and replastering, new lighting, central heating, a new kitchen and toilets. A serving hatch will be added so footballers and spectators who regularly use the Darlaston Road park can enjoy refreshments.

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Council coalition survives

A CHALLENGE to the leadership of Walsall Council made by the Labour group has failed to unseat the controlling Tory-Lib Dem coalition.

Labour group leader Tim Oliver put forward a vote of no confidence in the coalition at a meeting of the full council last week.

But the motion was thrown out, with 29 councillors voting against Labour's 27.

Independent members Chris and Paul Bott chose not to vote, along with Democratic Labour party member Pete Smith. The Lib Dems supported the Conservatives.

Funding

The Labour group claimed there had been a year of 'incompetence and inaction' and Councillor Oliver highlighted the damning report into children's services.

He also claimed a decision to pump almost £8 million of funding into the stalled £21m redevelopment of Old Square Shopping Centre had been rushed through, when Labour councillors wanted further clarification. But Councillor Mike Bird said it was not the fault of the local authority that the plans for Old Square had stalled and said the scheme would be a major 'catalyst' for the regeneration of the town centre.

Inquiry into teen arrest

AN INDEPENDENT investigation has been launched after a teenager needed stitches following his arrest by police in Bloxwich.

The 16-year-old was arrested by two officers following complaints about a noisy house party.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission is investigating the circumstances after the teenager suffered an ear injury.

Police immediately took him to hospital after he required a number of stitches after the arrest at around 10.30pm on April 5.

The youth was arrested in Hamilton Street and, after receiving hospital treatment, he was served with a fixed penalty notice for being drunk and disorderly.

His mother complained to West Midlands Police and the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

Green light for plan to save historic pub



The Bell Inn, Willenhall

A CONSORTIUM behind a £300,000 scheme to transform Willenhall's oldest pub has cleared a major hurdle after planning permission was granted to kick-start the project.

Long-term plans will involve converting the Bell Inn into a café and community centre but the initial phase will involve installing a new shop front and gates and creating a first-floor flat.

It will then be rented out to help fund the community facility and deter attacks by vandals.

Stan Taylor, of the consortium to save the pub, said they were close to securing a grant and work could start soon on bringing the Market Place building back into use.

It is hoped that more than half the cash can be

secured through the Heritage Lottery Fund's Townscape Heritage Initiative.

Mr Taylor said: "I feel relieved about it, I think we all do. It's taken such a long time to get here. "It looks as though we will get the grant but it hasn't been finalised yet."

Confident

"I'm pretty confident we are ready to go as soon as we sign the agreement."

"The tenders have gone out for the builders. Fingers crossed, we are almost at the stage where that work will go ahead."

Vandals have broken into the building on a number of occasions and have ripped tiles off the roof, stripped metal, scrawled graffiti and

smashed whatever they could find in the yard.

Mr Taylor said a tenant for the flat would be taken on when work is completed.

The building was repossessed after its former owner defaulted on mortgage repayments.

More than a thousand people signed a petition in 2010 calling for the former coaching inn to be saved as a vital part of Willenhall's heritage, asking for Walsall Council to step in if a buyer could not be found.

Four community-minded individuals clubbed together and bought the building to safeguard it.

The building survived the Great Fire of Willenhall in 1659, when 60 other buildings in the town were destroyed.

Free Sunday parking call to increase trade

CALLS have been made to scrap Sunday parking charges in Walsall after it emerged it had brought in £21,000 over a year.

Opponents say removing parking charges on Sundays would help boost businesses and 'get the town centre buzzing again'.

Councillor Dennis Anson, Labour councillor for Pleck, said free parking should be offered in the town on all days, especially Sundays.

He said: "Parking should be free in town centres."

Encourage

"There should be free parking for a few hours and then charges after that, otherwise people would just leave their cars and go off to Birmingham or elsewhere."

"It needs to be done to encourage more people into the town, help the businesses and just get the town buzzing."

"The key problem at the moment is what we do to try and get people to come into our town and get it working again."

A total of £21,000 was gen-

erated from Sunday parking in the last financial year.

Critics claim the benefits of free parking for the town would outweigh the amount of money being made.

Council chiefs insist the money raised is ploughed back into car parking upkeep and maintenance in the borough.

Council leader Mike Bird defended the charges but said the town hall was being forced to make savings and raise money where possible.

He said: "Walsall Council only controls 25 per cent of the parking in Walsall town centre."

"We control 1,300 spaces but the other 4,500 are controlled by the private sector."

"I have no hesitation in saying we are left in a situation where we are trying to find money in areas we would not normally have before."

Electric and water works to cause delays for drivers

MOTORISTS will face delays during electricity main repairs in Aldridge.

The work is taking place along Gould Firm Lane, at the junction of Little Aston Road, for seven days.

Work was due to begin yesterday (Wednesday) and a signed diversion route will be in operation along Little Aston Road, Chester Road and Hobs Hole Lane. T

Temporary signals will also operate on Pinson Road, Willenhall, near to the junction of Park Avenue.

Work was also due to start there yesterday, because of urgent water main repairs, and is due to be completed by Friday, May 31.

Diversity benefits pupils, says head



A world of opportunity whatever the background - Pheasey Park Farm headteacher Sally Lanni with pupils in class

SCHOOL leaders have told how they ensure families from overseas are made to feel welcome while offering youngsters extra support with English if they need it.

Even in schools where white British pupils make up the vast majority of the register, staff are still working with pupils with different needs in terms of languages.

Sally Lanni, headteacher at Pheasey Park Farm Primary School in Bilston, said there are 15 different nationalities with 11 different languages spoken.

Yet more than 84 per cent of the

youngsters are white British, according to census data.

The school has more than 700 pupils and is one of the largest primary schools in the country.

Assessed

Mrs Lanni, a former headteacher of Villiers Primary School in Bilston, said children were assessed early.

"Schools do realise that some pupils need more support than others, for example if their first language is not English," she said.

"However, children who do not have

English as their first language do not necessarily have poor language ability and the challenge is for schools to make these assessments and ensure that these children are not held back. In my experience these children quite often are high performers."

"It is beneficial for schools to be able to call on specialist staff, for example staff able to speak other languages and having this provision in-house is a definite advantage."

She said the diverse range of backgrounds helped children to learn tolerance and respect.

NEWS in brief

Uni bursary offer for UTC students

STUDENTS at the Black Country University Technical College in Walsall are being offered the chance to get a £3,000 bursary on degree courses at Wolverhampton University.

The university has supported the UTC since it opened at the former Sneyd Community School, in Bloxwich, in 2011.

Now UTC students can take advantage of the new bursary. The scholarship would offer a reduction of £1,000 on tuition fees in 2014 to 2015, a cash payment of £1,000 and another reduction in order to help with university accommodation. To find out more about the Black Country UTC call 01922 470763.

Garden opening attracts hundreds

OPEN days at an award-winning garden in Walsall have raised more than £1,000 for charities.

A total of 412 visitors flocked to the Four Seasons Garden, in Buchanan Road, over two weekends this May.

The events raised £1,029 for the National Garden Scheme, which supports Macmillan and Marie Curie, and £575 for Walsall Heart Care.

Yoga and dance studio go-ahead

A YOGA and dance studio will be created above a supermarket in Aldridge town centre. Bliss Yoga & Relaxation Ltd submitted proposals to move above Select & Save in Anchor Parade.

The application has been approved by council officers.

MP unhappy with new hospital role

WALSALL South MP Valerie Vaz has criticised the Government over plans to create a chief inspector of hospitals.

In a debate in the Commons, the Labour MP said: "It looks more like a vanity policy or a public relations exercise than a genuine measure to protect patients."

Florist is ready to bloom in the final

YOUNG florist Isabel Garbett, who works at Herbarium of Aldridge, is representing the Midlands at the finals of an Interflora contest after being placed as the highest scoring runner-up overall in the UK. The 18-year-old will compete on July 25.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW

WITH
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ANDREWS

ARE you prepared for the collapse of civilisation this Friday? If not, be afraid, very afraid.

May 31 is the date that has been chosen by the civil servants in the departments of Education and Business to down their ballpoints and go on strike.

Those of a less benevolent disposition than myself might think this is a nice bit of timing, coming at the end of half term and just days after the bank holiday. Better still, all Whitehall civil servants also enjoyed a special 'privilege' day off on Tuesday this week, although they still had to show up for work on Wednesday and Thursday. Pain or what?

Apparently the strike is over pay and pensions. Come on, brothers, you can do better than that. What about the excessive working hours?

MIND you, maybe there is something to be said for giving some of our hardworking public servants a few extra days off.

Personally, I think traffic wardens are one of the most overworked sectors of our community, and they of all people, surely deserve a few extra 'privilege' days for their contribution. I dunno, say something in the region of 365 days a year, with a bonus day on a leap year. They've earned it.

IN a similar vein, UK Independence Party founder Professor Alan Sked was right to ridicule MEP Godfrey Bloom for suggesting Ukip could address its lack of policies by buying some 'off the shelf' from think tanks.

Surely that would deprive Ukip of its unique selling point? In an age when politicians never tire of telling us what we should eat, when we can drink, how we should empty our bins, the idea of a political party with no policies sounds tantalisingly attractive.

Vote for us, and we won't mess anything up because we won't do anything. I'd vote for it.

ACCORDING to the OECD's Better Life Index, Australians are the happiest people in the world.

Of course they are. Let's face it, their ancestors were the ones who were sent to the land of endless sunshine and Foster's, while their mates were left behind sewing mailbags and breaking rocks.

Still, I do think the result might have been skewed by the timing of the survey, and it would have been much better had the OECD hung fire until the end of August.

Let's wait until we've thrashed them in the Ashes. Then we'll see who's laughing...



Wiley has a bust up with Sir Alex back in 2009



Alan Wiley with his 2006 FA Cup final medal



The official meets Prince William at that game

Referee? Friday on the beat is tougher

Former top ref Alan Wiley has turned to coaching to bring new officials through. **NICK MASHITER reports**

ON a park pitch in Walsall, Alan Wiley was pushed to the brink.

Years before the Premier League was conceived and more than two decades before he took control of one of the most dramatic FA Cup finals in recent memory in 2006, the rookie referee almost quit.

The Burntwood official, the West Midlands' finest referee since Jack Taylor, was ready to walk. And that was in 1982.

As a policeman he dealt with crime on the Walsall streets, but in just his second year officiating he struggled to contain a Sunday league team which left him questioning his dream.

"I was on a local parks pitch at Reedswood where I gave a decision – the right decision – but I got abuse from one team," he recalled. It was a clear penalty, there wasn't even an argument, but I got abuse at the time, abuse as I walked off.

"I went to the changing room and the door came open and my match fee was just thrown through the door, money went all over the place.

Correct

"I went to the car still getting a bit of verbal, went home, threw my kit in the bin and said 'that's me finished'.

"My wife Carol didn't say anything at the time, but by the Sunday night she'd taken it out and put it on the side.

"She said 'how do you feel now?' and I said 'you know what, because it was a correct decision I'm not going to let those people drive me out of the game. Why should they drive me out of something I have a passion for? I need to get my kit back out the bin' but she'd already done it.

"She knew I wouldn't give up. That was the one and only time I questioned being a referee."



Alan Wiley is helping to bring through the next generation of referees

The abuse is not new – Wiley was famously branded 'unfit' by the then Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson in 2009 following a game against Sunderland. Nor is it something which has been stamped out.

Five years ago, Wiley's daughter Nicola, now 22, quit refereeing after suffering barbs from an unhappy parent. Unlike her dad, Nicola was not able to brush the criticism aside and she hasn't officiated since.

"My daughter took a refereeing course and started to referee youth football, under-sevens and under-eights,

and she was enjoying it," he said. "But in one game, a team was losing 5-0 and one of their players picked the ball up in the area. She had to give a penalty and the abuse she got from the player's mother was terrible.

"Nicola came home and said she wasn't doing it again. I tried to get to her back, but she didn't and she was lost to the game.

"She was 17. She was enjoying what she was doing, but because of a parent she stopped."

Around 7,000 people start officiating each year only for half to quit within the

first 12 months after abuse or a lack of support. But with Professional Game Match Officials Limited, Wiley has become a referee coach since retiring in 2010 to improve the pathway for officials.

After passed a refereeing course, Wiley began locally and by 1991 was on the Football League list as a linesman. He took charge of Liverpool's epic FA Cup final win over West Ham in 2006.

Some players are also seriously considering becoming referees when their careers end with Walsall captain Andy Butler and his defensive partner Dean Holden taking their qualifications.

Over the last four years, refereeing numbers have increased by 8,000 nationwide, while the National Referee Development Programme scheme helps grassroots referees train and develop.

Different

That is where Wiley comes in as a mentor. "The game is asking for younger match officials," said the 52-year-old, who combines the role with his job as Sky Sports' referee analyst.

"About 20 or 30 years ago, you'd have to do 12 years in local football before you could move up – but now you can push it through early. The fitness of referees from five years ago is different now, too."

"Refereeing is massively about experience – but I always think if you're good enough, then you're old enough."

"The transition from Football League to the Premier League for a match official is massive, it's a different world. Not only through the football, but the media scrutiny is massive."

Wiley insists a Friday night beat in Walsall will always be tougher than 60,000 questioning your parentage – but it is an occupational hazard.

"If referees make an error they know and expect they are going to get abuse in the media. Well, not abuse, but you'll be slammed for your decision."

"But I never thought about quitting then and now there's never been a better time to be a referee."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

MARRIED couples in Walsall were invited to a special church service to repeat their wedding vows. The Rev. Joe Edwards of All Saints Church, invited all people married at the church in the previous five years to attend the service, which included a piece of wedding cake.

MORE than 400 youngsters applied for just 50 vacancies for trainees in Sandwell's public works division. The applications flooded in before council officials had chance to advertise the posts.

AN over-amorous drake was making feathers fly in Wolverhampton's West Park – by fighting off all the competition. Marvin the Muscovy had all the ducks to himself during the mating season after sending the other drakes quacking.

1993...

A WILLENHALL pensioner toasted the 40th anniversary of the Queen's coronation with a very special brew. Bill Hawley from New Invention kept two bottles of Mitchells and Butlers' coronation ale in his fridge for 40 years without touching a drop.

A REPTILE house keeper at the West Midlands Safari Park was recovering in hospital after being bitten by a rattlesnake. Mark O'Shea from Wolverhampton was attempting to feed the venomous snake when it struck in front of a crowd of shocked onlookers.

GLORIOUS sunshine welcomed more than 70,000 fun-lovers to the two-day Wolverhampton Extravaganza in West Park. The event, which cost the council £35,000 to stage, attracted visitors from all over the country.

2003...

SEVERN Valley Railway celebrated its 125th anniversary in a subdued style like the original opening of the line in 1878. As no trains ran on the line until 17 years after it was first proposed, there was no fanfare when it initially opened.

DIEHARD Harry Potter fans in Wolverhampton were preparing to queue at midnight in the rush to read about the boy wizard's latest adventures. Store bosses at ASDA in Molineux Way announced they would be selling Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix at the unusual time of one minute past midnight.

WORLD champion athlete Colin Jackson put Wolverhampton schoolchildren through their paces after being quizzed by them about his glittering career. The Welsh sprinter visited St Edmund's Catholic School in Compton Park to encourage children to participate in sport.

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LETTERS

What is next for public services? Left at loss over liberty

Hoy retirement is end of an era

IT was interesting in the Chronicle, May 16 to read the letter from R Allen, Great Wyrley, about closing the 68 bus service. I am disabled and for my cancer I am due to commence radio-therapy at New Cross Hospital and planning to use the No 68 bus to get there, as it stops by New Cross.

So much for independent living and whatever happened to public services? What next? What about compulsory euthanasia for the disabled, elderly and unemployed. That would deal with the 'skivers', unless you earn £150,000 per year or more and are a bank executive.

T LOWE
Great Wyrley

I AM at a loss to know that if these cold-blooded killers were (allegedly) known to the crime investigators of terrorism.

Why the hell were they there at liberty to conduct this vicious and brutal attack?

Once again our prayers and thoughts go out to another innocent victim of cruel adversity.

Religion and politics are well known as a vicious circle.

Always have been and always will be.

JEAN MASON
Willenhall

SIR Chris Hoy has retired from competitive track racing. He achieved so much including winning six gold Olympic medals.

I shall always remember watching his winning rides in the Beijing and London Olympics on the BBC television coverage with commentary by Wolverhampton's Hugh Porter. It was so exciting to see the cyclist in action and Hugh's commentary was first class too. As we shall no longer see Sir Chris racing or hear Hugh working for the BBC again, it is sadly the end of an era of sporting greatness.

K WALKER
Darlaston

Time for Strictly Come Gardening

GARDENING could play a vital role in changing our local streets and neighbourhoods for the better. It can even improve people's health!

It is a sad truth that gardens and trees are often spoiled by plastic shopping bags being stuck in branches, shrubs or flower beds.

Perish the throw away, careless mentality of many people!

Gardening can transform peoples lives and make communities improve.

If local people were encouraged to keep gardens cultivated, how much more attractive our streets and neighbourhoods would become.

Social landlords are failing to hold some residents to their tenancy agreements.

Unkept, litter magnet gardens abound. Some

appear to be growing plastic bags and empty beer cans! In a survey 70 per cent of 18-year-olds felt gardening was for people who had 'failed academically'.

Many thought it was unskilled labour.

Despite long term youth unemployment, how many job initiatives involve gardening skills?

We all know people will sit on the couch and watch ballroom dancing, but why not get active and try Strictly Come Gardening?

Gardening can make a difference to our streets and communities.

Gardening must be encouraged and incentivised to motivate local people to maintain the pride in their yards.

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Is 20p too much for clean toilets?

FURTHER to the debate regarding free loos in Walsall, I find it surprising that people feel 20p is too much to pay for 'clean, well-stocked and well-maintained public conveniences' (Bill Green, Letters, May 23).

Does no-one remember the phrase 'spend a penny'? As I was growing up, all public toilets had slot machine entry and I'm sure that 20p now is probably less, proportionally, than a penny was in the 1950s compared to average income.

Personally I would rather pay and have clean facilities than have to use free, but badly maintained ones.

It does seem very unfair on shops to have to provide toilets for the general public rather than just for their own customers and, anyway, in my experience, the shops struggle to keep their facilities in a good state as it is.

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NEWS

Couple make their 90th visit to a Jersey hotel

AFTER meeting in Jersey in 1965, the island has held a special place in the hearts of Aldridge couple Harry and Margaret Brierley.

So much so that they have visited island 90 times in the past 44 years - usually returning to the same hotel.

The couple have visited Jersey at least once every year ever since they met. Mr Brierley, aged 79, said: "We just love it. We do go to other places like Spain or Majorca but you can't beat Jersey."

The pair have been treated to a stay at their favourite hotel for 1969 prices, costing

them just £72 for 10 nights instead of £1,920, in recognition of their loyalty by the owner of the Hotel Christina.

Mrs Brierley, aged 73, who worked at Deanson's Printers in Walsall, said: "We couldn't believe the offer, it's amazing. Of course, the cost of things has gone up in the years we have been coming here. When we first used to come, it cost £25 and 10 shillings. Now it costs three or four hundred pounds just for the flights."

"We went back every year - separate rooms though - until we got married in 1969 and then we came here on our honeymoon," said retired lorry driver Mr Brierley.



Many happy returns - on their 90th visit to Jersey in 44 years are Harry and Margaret Brierley with general manager Steven Hayes at the Hotel Christina

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NEWS

Faster line is delayed to benefit rail passengers

Student art on display



Student Daniel Reid looks at some of his artwork on display at the Walsall Leather Museum as part of a showcase of college work

CREATIVE students are displaying their work as part of an exhibition at the Walsall Leather Museum.

Supported Learning students at Walsall College, who are part of the Creative Arts programme, are showcasing their creations in an exhibition entitled Made in Walsall.

The display, which is running at the museum in Littleton Street, includes work ranging from textiles to digital photography.

The colourful and highly varied

work has been inspired by artefacts from around the world.

The exhibition provides an opportunity to show the talent present in the Supported Learning department, as well as raising the self-esteem of the students.

Supported learning lecturer Jennie Jones said: "The standard of work here is extremely high and is evidence of innovative and creative work."

A MULTI-MILLION pound project to speed up trains on a major line has been delayed by three years.

Network Rail was previously scheduled to increase the speed of trains on the Chase line between Rugeley and Birmingham, via Bloxwich, from 45-50mph to 70mph by spring next year.

But following a decision to electrify the line, announced in January, the speed improvements are being reviewed with new electric trains in mind. The line currently has diesel trains.

The speed improvements are now not expected to take place until December 2017, when the line is electrified.

Platforms

Network Rail says putting the upgrade on hold is in a bid to 'maximise passenger benefits', as the line must be suitable for the use of electric trains. Prior to the announcement the firm was already having technical issues with the upgrade.

As well as increasing the speed of the trains, the improvements will also see the introduction of automatic ticket machines and the upgrade of track and platforms.

The £30m upgrade of the Chase Line between Walsall and Rugeley will see large sections of rail converted to run electric trains in a move which should bring faster and more reliable services. The line includes Hednesford, Cannock, Landywood and Bloxwich.

Communications manager for Network Rail Ben Herbert, said: "The planned electrification and line speed improvements on the Cannock line will provide a better service for passengers, with clean, modern electric trains and reduced journey times."

Care home open days

TWO care homes in Walsall are inviting villagers to join in a day of traditional games, arts and crafts, pampering sessions and gardening.

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NEWS

Menacing bully in threat to blow up woman's home

A 'BULLY' told a woman that he would blow up her house if she didn't give him £100 that he believed her partner owed him.

Paul Bent also sent a series of menacing text messages to the woman, who was left so frightened that she moved house.

Bent was given a suspended sentence for harassment at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

The 28-year-old, of Coalpool Lane, Walsall, pleaded guilty to the charge and was told he would spend six months in prison if he committed an offence in the next two years.

The court heard how Bent told the mother-of-two that her then boyfriend owed him a sum of money for a drugs debt.

Prosecutor Mr David Lees said: "She explained she couldn't get that kind of money."

"She said the defendant said 'If you don't get it within the next two weeks I'm going to blow the house up'. She described being very scared by the phone call."

Concerned

A number of text messages followed, the nature of which concerned her so much that she went to the police. The woman never spent a night at that address again.

Bent had 14 previous convictions for a variety of offences, including assault, affray and motoring offences.

Mr Christopher O'Gorman, defending, said: "There was not even a physical confrontation, let alone violence used. I would submit the previous convictions of this defendant do not mean he has a reputation towards violence."

In sentencing Bent, Recorder Christopher Goodchild said: "You bullied this woman for £100. She had two children, one aged three, and so terrified were they that they left that house. You're a bully."

Bent was also given a supervision order and told to have no contact with the woman.

Apartments proposed

WALSALL Housing Group wants to build 27 apartments on a site at Wessex Close, Brownhills, formerly occupied by maisonettes.

School sports success



Sporty youngsters Emily Allen, Fabianne Smith, Michael Gayle and Lucy Allen, crouching, as Ajohtae Smith jumps

YOUNG athletes jumping for joy after achieving success at a county-wide cross country competition.

Five pupils from Meadow View School in Great Barr took part in the Inter-Area Cross Country event at Aldersley Stadium, Wolverhampton. One of the pupils, Ajohtae Smith, was the first boy to cross the finish line.

While Michael Gayle came in third place. It meant the boys team from Meadow View was the overall winners on the day.

Headteacher Miss Anji Richards said sport played a prominent part

in the lives of children at the school, and she praised their achievements.

She said: "The children have many sporting opportunities at this school offered through the curriculum and in after-school clubs. We are very proud of our children's achievements."

Other sporting successes at the Frampton Way school include Fabianne Smith, who has been selected to play netball for Staffordshire and tennis player Emily Allen, who has also been chosen to compete for Staffordshire.

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NEWS

Schoolboy fashions his own future



Sixth form pupil Mark Shahbazi, aged 17, from Walsall Wood, has started his own clothing range called Svedkr. A TALENTED teen with designs on taking the high street by storm has been showcasing his clothing range. Schoolboy entrepreneur Mark Shahbazi decided to set up his own clothing brand after attempts to get a job failed. But it already looks as if the 17-year-old from Walsall Wood has made a good start, as his clothes are being stocked in an independent outlet in Birmingham's Custard Factory.

Studying

The Shire Oak Academy sixth form student, who is currently studying chemistry, biology, sports studies and maths, has also managed to pick up the title of Young Entrepreneur of the Year for his efforts.

He said: "I started the business because I couldn't get a job. I handed out CVs but nothing came from it so I decided to do my own thing."

"I used to sell sweets, chocolate and drinks to my friends and I have always thought of myself as being entrepreneurial so I decided to give it a go. Within three weeks I had the

prints done and was selling them. The website was the next step and that only took a short time to create and I was selling my clothes online too."

Mark started the clothing brand Svedkr because he liked the sound of the name in October 2012. He juggles both business and school, and buys the T-shirts and hats, makes the designs and then gets them printed.

"I buy all the clothes from the internet. I wanted to make clothes that I would wear myself."

"I mainly take inspiration from street art and do my own original spin on it. I also make and design beanies, five panel caps, sweatshirts and hoodies," he said.

All the money he makes goes back into the business.

"In the future I want to expand and make it bigger by having my clothes in different cities across the UK and maybe have a store of my own."

For more details visit the website at www.svedkrstore.co.uk

Homes rise on locks site

WORK is well under way on a £5.2 million housing estate where a former lock factory once stood.

Almost 50 new homes are being built on the site of the former Josiah Parkes factory site in Wood Street.

The former Union Locks building was flattened earlier this year to bring the scheme forward.

The developer had to be granted special permission for the demolition

because of the building's heritage status.

A total of 35 two, three and four-bedroom homes and 12 apartments are being built.

It is being developed by Accord Group and Westbury Partnerships, in partnership with Walsall Council.

It will provide homes for people on housing waiting lists and work is expected to be completed by late autumn.

Tim Brickley, director in charge of

Persimmon Homes West Midlands, said: "The 1.76-acre site will be transformed into a super new community of 35 new houses and 12 two-bedroom apartments."

"Derelict buildings have now been demolished in preparation for construction and work is well under way on site."

The development is being funded jointly by the Government's Homes and Communities Agency and the Accord Group.

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NEWS

Tesco U-turn kills off hope of revival at shops centre

THE failed multi-million pound revamp of Brownhills Tesco has killed off a neighbouring shopping centre and hit business in the town, it has been claimed.

The Ravenscourt complex was earmarked to be taken over by the supermarket giant as part of its plans for a rebuild of the store. Traders have been leaving the shopping centre ahead of work starting but it emerged last week that the project has been scrapped.

It has meant several empty units and it is feared traders will now never return to Brownhills.

Vowed

Walsall Council have vowed to work with the owners of Ravenscourt shopping centre to lead regeneration of the area.

But Doreen Gent, who runs the Acropolis coffee house, said it could be too late with just two traders currently at Ravenscourt.

"With Tesco saying in the beginning they were going to have it, shopkeepers were looking for other places," she said. "It has killed off the precinct and it is going to take a lot to bring it back up."

"We were the heart of Brownhills at one time and it was so busy."

by Craig Hughes

Brownhills councillors Barbara Cassidy and Stephen Wade have called for action.

Councillor Cassidy said: "As we now know that a new Tesco store will not be forthcoming, we are calling upon Councillor Adrian Andrew (regeneration boss) and the officers concerned to act quickly and decisively on behalf of all the residents of Brownhills so that we know what is going to happen to Ravenscourt - it is now a blot on the landscape and a magnet for crime."

Councillor Andrew said they were informed only last Wednesday of the decision by Tesco to scrap the plan, which could have created 150 jobs.

"We have already started looking to alternative solutions for the regeneration of Brownhills," he added.

Inspector on her marks



Inspector Felicity Keane prepares to go on the run

POLICE Inspector Felicity Keane is taking part in a 10K charity run in memory of an Aldridge schoolgirl killed in a random attack by a deranged assailant.

The senior officer will be getting on her marks to take part in the annual Aldridge 10K Road Race, which is now in its 22nd year.

Officers from Aldridge will be involved in supporting and marshalling the event, alongside 50 volunteers, and will be cheering their colleague along at the same time.

Inspector Keane has decided to raise money for Aldridge charity Rosie's Helping Hands when she runs on June 9.

Community

She said: "It's a great community event and we're always pleased to support it, both professionally and personally. I'm running to raise funds for Rosie's Helping Hands and officers will be on hand to help make sure everything goes smoothly."

The race is organised by Aldridge Running Club. Around 600 people took part in last year's event on the streets of Aldridge. To enter, visit www.aldriderunningclub.co.uk or pick up an application form at Decathlon's store at Gallagher Retail Park, in Wednesbury.

Karen and Sean Ross set up the Rosie's Helping Hands charity in memory of their daughter, who died aged 16 in 2001 when she was attacked by a knifeman in Birmingham city centre. They are holding a walk and festival at Aldridge Airport on July 21.



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China in her hands



Young singer Connie Talbot is a star attraction at a Beijing music festival STREETLY singing star Connie Talbot is in Beijing to perform her first concert in the Chinese capital.

The 12-year-old is making her fourth trip to China, where her popularity has shown no sign of waning since she burst onto the music scene six years ago.

Connie, who is a big star in the Far East, is due to perform at Beijing's Poly Theatre today (Thursday).

The concert is part of the 13th annual Beijing International Arts and Music Festival.

It is the young singer's latest trip to the Far East, where her album reached number one earlier this year.

Connie found fame on TV show Britain's Got Talent at the age of six when she melted the nation's heart with her performance of Over the Rainbow.

A NEW bus service linking parts of Walsall to Birmingham will be introduced next week as part of a shake-up by transport bosses.

Steps have been taken to improve bus links in Phaeasey following complaints they needed to be better and more regular. A new service, the 936, will run between Brownhills, Aldridge, Phaeasey and Birmingham. It is one of a series of changes being brought in on June 9 following a review of services in north Birmingham, Sutton Coldfield and parts of Walsall.

The new 936 service will run every 15 minutes during peak times and every 30 minutes off peak.

Meanwhile, the 934 service which runs from Birmingham to Doe Bank will be extended from Walsall to Phaeasey, replacing the number 76.

Feedback

Changes have been brought in following feedback from residents and commuters, who will have another chance to find out more on Monday.

Bosses at transport authority Centro said they had worked with passengers, local authorities and bus companies.

Councillor John McNicholas, chairman of Centro, said: "This new service is the result of extensive partnership work as well as feedback from passengers and councillors and we hope that the people of north Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield will welcome the new benefits that the improved network will provide."

Changes also been made to the times on the 935 from Birmingham to Walsall via Streetly and to the 935A from Birmingham to Brownhills via Aldridge.

The 78 service which runs between Streetly and Sutton Coldfield will be extended to include the Parson and Clerk hotel in Sutton Coldfield. It will become half-hourly. The timetables for the 51, from Birmingham to Walsall via Perry Barr, the X51 from Birmingham to Cannock via Walsall and the 952 from Birmingham to Perry Barr will all be coordinated.

Information about the bus changes will be available at the Collingwood Centre, in Collingwood Drive, Phaeasey, from 10am to 3pm on Monday.

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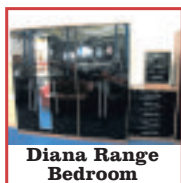
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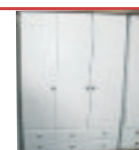
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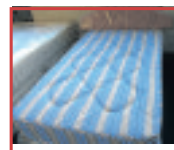
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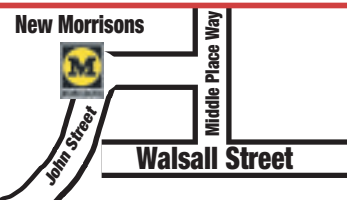
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NEWS

Commando Dad is an essential book for a royal father-to-be



Commando Dad author Neil Sinclair with his family
PRINCE William is said to be taking tips on raising children from a former commando who has written a book about his own experiences.

Staffordshire man Neil Sinclair penned his military-style survival guide for fathers - Commando Dad Basic Training - after ditching the drills to become a full time dad.

He has been told the Prince is a big fan of his work by royal correspondent Katie Nicholl, and is reading his book ahead of the birth of the first royal heir.

"I got a phone call from the royal correspondent who said 'do you realise you have a royal fan? The Prince of Wales has your book and he absolutely loves it.'"

Gobsmacked

"I asked how she knew and she said she could not reveal her sources but said she could absolutely cast-iron guarantee it was true.

"She said someone had bought it for him and he was telling all his friends about it. I was gobsmacked, I could not believe it."

William and Kate - apparently fans of Commando Dad
 Mr Sinclair, who was in 59 Commando Royal Engineers, trained to be a PE teacher after leaving the forces in 1993. At a school in Carlisle he met his Willenhall-born wife Tara.

The couple moved to New York, where their first two children were born, Samuel, now 10, and Jude, nine. They moved to Wednesbury in 2003 and Neil honoured a deal with Mrs Sinclair that if one got a job first the other would be full-time child carer. The 42-year-old is now a full-time father at their home in Alrewas, while Mrs Sinclair, 41, works in public relations.

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CLUB NEWS

Chris puts wildlife in the frame

BILBROOK WI

FOLLOWING the minutes of the previous meeting, president Julie read out the notices followed by cards of thanks and congratulations from visitors to Bilbrook WI for hosting a very successful Spring group meeting which included an afternoon tea provided by members.

Julie then introduced the speaker for this evening, Chris Wallace from Telford, who kept everyone amused and entertained with photographs and a running commentary on 'The Funny Side of Wildlife Photography'.

Although it was a miserable rainy evening Chris had everyone draw the curtains, turn off the lights, sit back and be transported to National Parks from all over the world.

Everyone soon forgot all about the weather as they watched the antics of many different animals behaving in ways you wouldn't believe, coupled with Chris's clever photography and equally clever commentary.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and Chris said he had many more programmes on a similar vein and would be happy to come back. Win gave the vote of thanks, followed by refreshments and the raffle.

On Tuesday June 11, from 7.30pm at Bilbrook Village Hall, Joeys Lane, there will be a talk and demonstration by Hazel Reynolds on Gruyere cheese. Visitors are welcome at a cost of £2, to include refreshments.

It's a piece of cake as guild reaches 50



Pelisall TG committee members admire the guild's 50th birthday cake

THE guild's 50th Birthday celebrations were a great success. The group was made welcome at the Beverley Hotel with a Bucks Fizz drink on arrival, followed by a very enjoyable three course meal and tea/coffee.

Anne Blount was presented with a certificate and badge in recognition of 40 years' service. The chairman and committee members had the pleasure of cutting a beautiful cake baked and decorated by Pat Heeley.

Members were each given a slice of cake and an engraved flute glass to commemorate the occasion, on departing. Entertainment

PELSALL 'E TG

Kate's Party were excellent, with Kate amusing the group with anecdotes and jokes and inviting them to sing along. She organised a 'Name that Tune' contest of familiar TV signature tunes.

After Kate's husband Larry had given a wonderful tribute to the Shadows on his electric guitar, Kate rounded off the evening with more songs and banter.

On June 20 Michael Taylor will give a talk on 'A Slip of the Pen'. The competition set is for 'Your Favourite Pen'.

Four seasons in focus

STREETLY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

'FOUR Seasons Garden' will be the focus of Streetly Horticultural Society's next monthly meeting.

Guest speaker Tony Newton will be presenting the talk at Streetly Community Centre in Foley Road East, on Tuesday, June 4.

The Society will not be

holding a meeting in July, but the following meeting of the group, on Tuesday, September 3, will feature Rob Davies giving a presentation on 'Deer on the Chase'.

The Society meets on the

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NEWS

Apprentice success



Dulux Decorator Centres Apprentice of the Year 2013 regional heat winner Daniel Warner, of Walsall College

A PAINTING and decorating apprentice from Walsall has brushed off the competition to make it through to the final of a contest run by a national paint company.

Daniel Warner, beat 13 competitors to be named winner of the North West heat of Dulux Decorator Centres' 2013 Apprentice of the Year competition. The 20-year-old apprentice from Walsall College demonstrated his skills at by completing a number of tasks including wallpapering, stencilling, glossing and special effects within a set time.

He said: "I'm absolutely delighted to have come first, it's amazing. The competition was tough but I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it and I'm sure the final will be just as challenging - I can't wait."

The final will be held on June 12 and 13 at Sandwell College in West Bromwich, where Daniel will have to prove his skill by facing nine other regional heat winners and the best runner-up, who will be competing for the title of 2013 Dulux Decorator Centres' Apprentice of the Year.

Walsall College assessor Paul Price said: "It's great that Daniel has got through to the final. Not only is this a tough competition where the applicant's skills are truly tested, it's a very professional and well-recognised competition within the industry."

As well as the recognition of winning, Daniel also received £100 of vouchers, a certificate and a goody bag full of decorating materials.

Taking drug led to tragic death of keep fit fan

DEVASTATED relatives have paid tribute to an 'all-round nice guy' from Aldridge who died after experimenting with a drug.

Delivery driver Craig Sargeant's heartbroken family described him as 'fun loving and the kindest person you could ever meet'. His father Glenn Sargeant said: "It was a stupid mistake that ended in tragedy."

At the West Bromwich Albion fan's funeral at Streety Crematorium in Walsall, around 30 of his friends wore Baggies' ties whatever club they supported.

The 31-year-old, who loved sport and keeping fit, had been to his best friend's stag party in France days before his death and was due to be an usher at his wedding the following weekend.

Inquest

An inquest at Walsall's Manor Hospital heard that he was found dead at his flat in Croft Parade, Aldridge, on October 8 later friends alerted his family, worried that his van had been outside his flat all weekend. His older brother Matthew Sargeant got in through a window and found him dead upstairs in bed.

A post mortem discovered traces of methadone, cocaine and alcohol. It was also found that, unknown to him, he was suffering from bronchial pneumonia.

The methadone would have affected his respiratory system, said pathologist Dr Dragana Cvijan, who carried out the post mortem.

The inquest heard that the methadone was not prescribed to him and his body

would have had a low tolerance of the chemical.

His brother said Craig might have experimented to see what effect it would have.

The cause of death was given as methadone poisoning exacerbated by a small amount of alcohol and his underlying bronchial pneumonia.

Returning a verdict of accidental death, Black Country coroner Robin Balmain said: "It highlights the dangers of taking things you are not supposed to."

His family paid tribute to the former Aldridge School pupil, who lived a healthy and active life, playing squash and badminton every week and who was careful with his diet.

Matthew Sargeant said his brother, who worked for Homeserve, was an all-round 'nice guy'.

He said: "He lived for the weekends. He loved a beer and was the go-to guy among his friends. Craig was also the one they would take their troubles to, he would act as a go-between."

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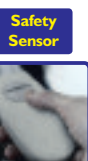
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NEWS

Concern over closure of police HQ at Green Lane

CLOSURE of Walsall's police headquarters could have an impact on crime, councillors have warned.

Proposals have been put forward for police to move from their Green Lane HQ in Walsall, relocating up to 200 officers to the Civic Centre and Bloxwich. Bloxwich Police Station will become the borough's main HQ but senior figures at the council have raised concerns over reduced visibility of police in the heart of the borough.

Plans for a new £13 million base in the town centre, initially earmarked for Hatherton Street, would be scrapped under the proposals.

Councillor Mohammed Arif, who sat on the West Midlands Police Authority, now replaced by the Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "We know that visibility of police is the key. That acts as a deterrent effect. There will be police presence in the town but that will be a very small number to what is in Green Lane presently. I am really disappointed."

Councillor Doug James said: "It is absolutely packed in the Civic Centre, over busy, where are we going to fit in the police front desk?"

"There are a lot of questions to be asked and there should be a public consultation. I support high visibility policing and that is absolutely vital in a busy town centre."

It is expected to take 18 months to relocate from Green Lane although officers could start operating from the council offices by September.

West Midlands Police say the existing Walsall Police Station costs the force £500,000 a year in maintenance at a time when it is under increasing financial pressure.

The changes are subject to the signing of a lease agreement.

Chief Superintendent Dave Sturman, Walsall local policing unit commander, said: "This is an innovative and ground-breaking approach which we believe, if an agreement is signed, will be the start of a whole new approach to providing policing services."



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Bid to reopen rail line



Keith Flinders overlooks the Stourbridge to Walsall line in Dudley, which campaigners want reopened

RAIL campaigners say they are confident a project to reopen a railway line through the Black Country can be kick-started by the end of this decade – more than 50 years after the track was closed.

Members of Stourbridge Line User Group have long campaigned for the opening of the Stourbridge to Walsall line.

They claim the region's road network is no longer adequate and a railway line linking the two towns, via Dudley and Brierley Hill, would solve traffic congestion and benefit business.

Metro

The group says it believes part of the line, from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill, could be used again for commuters by 2020 as part of Centro's planned Metro extension.

Three years ago, a car park was built for a possible Metro stop at Dudley Port station alongside the disused line, which was closed in 1962.

Keith Flinders, researcher for the Stourbridge Line User Group, said: "I believe the expansion of the Metro will be the first staged reopening of the Stourbridge to Walsall line. To open this part of the track will kick-start the whole project, eventually seeing it opened from Stourbridge to Walsall."

"I know Centro is intent to begin this first stage of opening and the councils are also crying out for it. The issue is money but I believe this will come in and work will start by the end of this decade."

Restraining order after a threat to burn down house

A FATHER who threatened to burn down his neighbour's house in Darlaston after a two-year dispute has been given a restraining order and told to pay compensation.

Douglas Scott started shouting at his neighbour Darren Lewis in Dangerfield Lane, threatening to 'kill' him and burn down his house, Walsall Magistrates Court heard last week.

The court was told how Scott also shouted at his neighbour: "I'm having my kids taken off me".

Children

He mistakenly thought his children would be taken after he received a letter from social services and assumed his neighbours had been responsible, the court was told.

An earlier hearing heard that the letter from social services had only asked for a meeting with Scott and had not said his children would be taken away.

Mrs Maggie Meakin, prosecuting, said 41-year-old Scott called police on the night of April 29 and told them that he could not cope and did not want to live anymore.

Scott and Mr Lewis had been neighbours for about two years and there were ongoing disputes.

Scott, who has since moved to Wiltshire Way,

by Lisa O'Brien

West Bromwich, admitted at a previous hearing one charge of using threatening words or behaviour.

In mitigation, Mr Parns Hayre said his client's call to police was a clear sign of a cry for help.

He said: "It is a neighbour problem which has boiled over."

He added that Scott had previously been out of trouble for 19 years and was unemployed but actively seeking work. He had missed a job interview to attend court.

Scott was handed a 12-month community order with supervision and an education, training and employment activity, helping him get back to work.

Magistrates ordered him to pay £85 costs, £75 compensation to Mr Lewis and a £60 victim surcharge.

He was given a restraining order forbidding any contact with his former neighbours for the period of a year.

It also prevents him from going to Dangerfield Lane, Darlaston.

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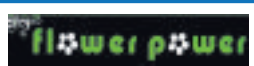
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A 1908 Star car in the Speyer Museum in Germany



A six-wheeled bus made by Guy Motors outside Wolverhampton Town Hall

The return of Motown UK



Work on a Turner sports car chassis at Wolverhampton Airport

AS the huge Jaguar Land Rover engine plant begins to take shape on i54, bringing big time motor manufacturing to Wolverhampton, it is easy to forget there was a time when the city was the UK's equivalent of Detroit, a veritable Motown UK.

In the late Victorian era Wolverhampton was the main bicycle manufacturing town in the country, whereas Nottingham had five cycle makers, locally there were more than 30, and it was inevitable that many of these would turn to motor-cycle and car making.

The first off the mark was Star, which built its first car, based on the German Benz in 1896. Sunbeam followed soon after, making its first car just round the corner in Upper Villiers Street in 1899.

Across the town, the Electric Construction Company was soon dabbling in electric vehicles. The

by **Alec Brew**

Stevens brothers were soon making fine motor-cycle engines, and then motor-cycles under the name AJS, and a Northampton motor-cycle manufacturer, Clyno, which used Stevens' engines, moved to Pelham Street to be near their supplier.

Sunbeamland, the home of Sunbeam bikes, began making motor-cycles in 1911, while Star began producing cars under the name Starling and Briton, as well as its own. By the First World War Star was the sixth largest car maker in Britain and Sunbeam were third.

Sprang

Just before the war, Sydney Guy left the Sunbeam to start his own commercial vehicle factory on the other side of town in Park Lane, in time to pick up large military orders for his Guy trucks.

After the war Guy and Clyno joined Star and Sunbeam in building cars, and a host of motor-cycle manufacturers sprang up across Wolverhampton to join AJS,

Sunbeam and Clyno, among them Diamond, Wolf and HRD. The Villiers company began making two stroke engines, and then across town next to Guy Motors, Henry Meadows was formed to make gear-boxes and later, diesel engines.

The decline began in the late 1920s as one by one the major companies shut down, beginning with Clyno, and ending with the mighty Sunbeam in 1935.

Guy Motors remained the only large vehicle manufacturer, with Villiers and Meadows making engines.

These companies prospered and were joined by the Turner sports car company, at Wolverhampton Airport, but the second decline began with the closure of Henry Meadows in the early 1960s, and finishing with the closure of Guy Motors, despite it being still profitable, because it competed with other parts of British Leyland.

Ironically Guy had been taken over by Jaguar, which became part of British Leyland, and now it's Jaguar bringing jobs back to the city.



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The pioneering screening on June 6, at 6.15pm, is from the Mariinsky Theatre, St Petersburg.

The production will be filmed by James Cameron and Vince Pace, whose Cameron Pace Group picked up Oscars for its 3D productions of Avatar and Life of Pi. Principal ballerina Ekaterina Kondarova, will dance the joint role of Odette/Odile.

Hub hosts guitar and piano classics

THE Performance Hub - arts venue for the University of Wolverhampton Walsall Campus - will host classical guitarist John Mills on Saturday night.

He presents a concert celebrating the work of virtuoso guitarist Andres Segovia.

Then next Saturday, June 8, the Hub hosts pianist James Lisney, giving a recital including pieces by Schumann. See the website performance hub.eventbrite.co.uk for further details.

Elvis tribute to rock the Robin

LEE 'Memphis' King brings his Elvis on Tour tribute show to the Robin 2 venue at Mount Pleasant, Bilston, tomorrow night (Friday) with band and backing singers.

Gasp at ghostly goings-on in romantic West End hit

New musical is set in the swinging 60s

CARNABY Street, a new jukebox musical set in swinging 1960s London, is coming to Birmingham with a host of hits from the era.

It tells the story of Penny Lane, a girl from Liverpool, aspiring Scouse musician Jude and a misfit character called Jumpin' Jack who find themselves at the epicentre of the mod and music scene in 60s Soho.

The producers may not have managed to get the rights to perform every hit they may have wanted to include but there are still plenty of favourites, from You Really Got Me to Go Now, to ensure a compilation album will accompany the show.

Emmerdale

The cast has solid soap and musical credentials. Verity Rushworth, as Penny, was Donna Dingle in Emmerdale and went on to make her West End debut in Hairspray and replaced Connie Fisher as Maria for the UK tour of The Sound of Music.

Ex-Eastender Aaron Sidwell, as Jack, was in Loserville The Musical and Matthew Wycliffe, as Jude, has Jersey Boys on his CV.

Carnaby Street will Keep On Running at the New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday.



Talking 'bout My Generation - Verity Rushworth and Aaron Sidwell in a scene from Carnaby Street The Musical, coming to Birmingham

HIT West End show Ghost The Musical makes the Midlands debut of its first UK tour at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Tuesday.

Based on the popular 1990 movie, starring Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore, the musical features the iconic song Unchained Melody along with new songs written by Dave Stewart of The Eurythmics.

Psychic

The story about murdered Sam, desperate to make contact with his girlfriend Molly via reluctant psychic Oda Mae Brown, features astonishing illusions bringing the supernatural to the stage.

With direction from Matilda director Matthew Warchus, the leads are played by Stewart Clarke and Rebecca Trehearn. Wendy Mae Brown takes on the role of namesake Oda, played in the movie by Whoopi Goldberg.

Ghost continues at the Grand until June 15.



Stewart Clarke pictured with Rebecca Trehearn in Ghost The Musical

Ballet home for summer season

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet return home from international touring to present two productions at the Birmingham Hippodrome in June.

Fans of The Nutcracker (returning this Christmas) should enjoy the classic Coppelia, in which a doll comes to life, from Monday to Saturday. Then ghostly ballet Giselle is staged from June 19 to 22.

Tupele takes on Rita role in play

FORMER Coronation Street star Tupele Dorgu, who last year toured in the musical Chicago, takes the title role in Educating Rita at Lichfield's Garrick Theatre from tomorrow (Friday) to June 22.

Willy Russell's play about a Scouse hairdresser striving for an education with help from a boozy lecturer was made into a hit 1983 movie starring Black Country actress Julie Walters and Michael Caine.

Tom Roberts from the Garrick Rep company plays lecturer Tom.

Disco legend to top bill at festival

DISCO stars Chic, featuring legendary producer Nile Rodgers, will be topping the bill at the Mostly Jazz Funk and Soul Festival at Moseley Park, Birmingham, on Sunday, July 7, with support from Brit funksters Soul II Soul.

Other acts at the three-day festival include Bonobo on July 5 and Candi Statton plus The Blockheads on July 6.

Red Dwarf/Coronation Street star and Radio 6 soul expert Craig Charles will be DJing. See the website mostlyjazz.co.uk.

Classic concert by Welsh singer

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Nicholas Farrell heads the cast of this powerful docudrama which turns the spotlight on one of the Second World War's final secrets: a daring British intelligence operation to eavesdrop on the private conversations of 10,000 German PoWs without them knowing. With many dramatisations there's a feeling of dramatic licence being employed with the script. However, the original transcripts are dramatised word for word. British intelligence used three stately homes for this major operation, and converted each into a clever trap.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Points of View. **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.55** The Queen: A Passion for Horses. (R) **5.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.15 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker follows a virtual trail that allows visitors to see the animals of Tentsmuir forest. File. Ellie Harrison searches for ferns on the mud-flats off the Hampshire coast. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.15 **The Voice UK.** Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates present as the knockout rounds come to an end and the line-up for the live shows is revealed. The quarter-finals are on Friday at 7pm.

8.30 **Case Histories.** Jackson helps a teenage boy understand how his murdered mother really died, and the PI receives a blast from the past when Julia arrives back in town. Last in the series.

10.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

10.25 **The Matt Lucas Awards.** Compilation of highlights from the recent series. Last in the series.

10.55 **Live at the Apollo.** With Al Murray, Chris Addison and Tim Vine. (R)

11.40 **The Sky at Night.** The lives of stars and what happens when they die.

12.00 **Film:** Honeymooners. (2010) **1.30** **Weatherview.** **1.35** **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.00** **Film:** Melody Cruise. (1933) **8.15** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.45** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Chinese Food Made Easy. (R) **12.00** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Live Triathlon. **5.00** Dambusters Declassified. (R)

6.00 **The Dambusters: 70 Years On.** Dan Snow presents coverage of a tribute to the 133 men involved in the bombing raids on the dams of Germany's Ruhr Valley on the night of May 16, 1943. (R)

7.00 **Peter Jones Meets.** New series. Leading entrepreneurs discuss their businesses with the Dragons' Den star, beginning with the people behind home and garden chain The Range and cosmetics company Lush.

8.00 **Ice Age Giants.** Alice Roberts investigates why certain species died out as the world warmed up, examining how the woolly rhino was unable to adapt to increasing snowfall. Last in the series.

9.00 **Australia with Simon Reeve.** The adventurer meets members of a motorcycle gang in Gold Coast and takes to the air to witness the devastating and deadly fires ripping through the bush. Last in the series.

10.00 **Blackadder II.** Edmund is appointed Lord High Executioner. (R)

10.30 **Film: The Road.** (2009) Post-apocalyptic drama, starring Viggo Mortensen. **12.10** The Tudors. (R) **1.55** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.50** Holby City. (R) **3.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** **Film:** Columbo Goes to the Guillotine. (1989) **1.25** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.25** **Film:** Evil Under the Sun. (1982) **4.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.20** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.30** Coronation Year in Colour.

6.30 **ITV News;** Weather. **6.45** **Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues before one of them plays to win £50,000. Last in the series.

7.30 **Live International Football.** Brazil v England (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the friendly encounter at the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro, as Roy Hodgson's men face Brazil for the second time in five months.

10.25 **ITV News;** Weather. **10.40** **International Football Highlights.** Brazil v England.

11.25 **French Open Tennis.** Action from day eight at Roland Garros in Paris, which was scheduled to feature the start of the fourth round in both the men's and women's draws.

12.30 The Store. **2.30** Monk. (R)

3.15 Motorsport UK. **4.05** **ITV** **Nightscreen.** **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.40** The Simpsons. (R) **2.10** The Simpsons. (R) **2.40** **Film:** Brewster's Millions. (1985) Comedy, starring Richard Pryor and John Candy. **4.45** Deal or No Deal. **5.50** **Film:** Ice Age. (2002) **7.25** **Channel 4 News.**

7.55 **The Political Slot.** Paul Nuttall, deputy leader of UKIP, talks to voters in London who feel they have been ignored by Labour politicians.

8.00 **Spying on Hitler's Army: The Secret Recordings.** Drama-documentary telling the story of a covert British intelligence operation to eavesdrop on the conversations of 10,000 German PoWs held during the Second World War.

9.00 **Film: Nine.** (2009) Premiere. An Italian movie director struggling to find inspiration relives his relationships with the various women in his life. Musical, with Daniel Day-Lewis, Marion Cotillard and Penelope Cruz.

11.15 **Film: Dreamgirls.** (2006) Musical drama about a famous singing trio, whose personal rivalries threaten to tear apart the group. Starring Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé Knowles and an Oscar-winning Jennifer Hudson.

1.35 **Film:** I Love You, Beth Cooper. (2009) **3.20** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.10** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** SuperScrimpers.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Chloe's Closet. **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.15** Animal Antics. (R) **7.20** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.45** Mio Mao. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Bert and Ernie's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jam. (R) **10.00** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **10.05** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.40** ThunderCats. (R) **11.05** Inside Hollywood. **11.10** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.10** World's Craziest Police Pursuits 6. (R) **1.15** **Film:** Scooby-Doo. (2002) **2.55** **Film:** Richie Rich. (1994) **4.45** **Film:** Stargate. (1994)

6.55 **5 News Weekend.** **7.00** **Cricket** on 5. England v New Zealand.

8.00 **Once Upon a Time.** Cora sends Hook to retrieve the magic compass.

9.00 **Film: The Switch.** (2010) Premiere. Comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Jason Bateman.

11.05 **Film: Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery.** (1997)

1.00 **SuperCasino.** **3.50** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **4.55** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** Snog. Marry. Avoid? **7.30** Don't Tell the Bride to Be: The Proposals. **8.30** **Film:** The Proposal (2009) **10.15** Family Guy **11.00** American Dad! **11.45** Sweat the Small Stuff: Extra Sweaty

BBC Four **7.00** The Dark Ages: An Age of Light **8.00** Crossing England in a Punt: River of Dreams **9.00** Royal Journey: The Princess Elizabeth in Canada **9.55** Sounds of the 70s **10.00** Anita O'Day - The Life of a Jazz Swing **11.30** Classic Soul at the BBC

ITV2 **2.00** **Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **4.00** Britain's Got Talent **5.30** Britain's Got Talent Results **6.00** **Film:** A Cinderella Story (2004) **8.00** **Film:** Rumor Has It (2005) **10.00** The Only Way Is Marbs **10.50** Big Rich Texas **11.50** **Film:** Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)

ITV3 **2.00** Tom Brown's Schooldays **4.00** Lewis **5.55** Rosemary & Thyme **6.00** Vera. The key to a murder lies deep in the memory of the victim's son. **10.00** Prime Suspect

ITV4 **9.30** Live French Open Tennis. **9.00** **ITV** **2013.** **10.00** **Film:** Nevada Smith (1966)

E4 **3.30** How I Met Your Mother **4.55** Revenge **5.50** The Mindy Project **6.20** New Girl **6.50** The Big Bang Theory **8.15** **Film:** Zoolander (2001) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.00** Rude Tube: Animal Madness

Film4 **3.10** **Film:** The Inbetweeners **11.00** **Film:** The Tourist (2010) Romantic thriller, with Johnny Depp. **11.05** Good Luck Chuck (2007)

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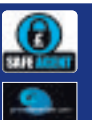
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Film Choices

MONDAY

AVP: Alien vs Predator, Channel 5, 11pm

A team of scientists investigates the discovery of a mysterious pyramid beneath the Antarctic ice, which is inhabited by a deadly alien race. Sci-fi thriller, starring Sanaa Lathan, Raoul Bova and Lance Henriksen. (2004)

TUESDAY

Lady in the Water, BBC1, 11.35pm

The caretaker of an apartment complex rescues a mysterious young woman struggling in the swimming pool. When the residents learn the stranger is a water nymph on a mission to save mankind, they rally round to help her return to her own world – but strange creatures are set to spoil their plans. Fantasy directed by M Night Shyamalan, who also appears in the film alongside Bryce Dallas Howard and Paul Giamatti. (2006)

WEDNESDAY

Surrogates, BBC1, 11.05pm

In the future, all human activity is performed by robot duplicates mentally controlled by their owners, who live lives of complete isolation. As a mysterious killer begins murdering both humans and their doubles, an FBI agent ventures into the real world for the first time in years to catch the criminal. Sci-fi thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Radha Mitchell. (2009)



Surrogates, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.05pm

THURSDAY

Hunger Point, Channel 5, 3.10pm

Two sisters struggle to come to terms with the legacy of their mother's obsession with dieting and physical perfection. As they try to beat the strict conditioning she instilled in them, they begin to rebuild their shattered family life. Drama, starring Barbara Hershey. (2003)

FRIDAY

Point Break, BBC1, 11.55pm

An FBI agent goes undercover in a Californian surfing gang suspected of carrying out a series of armed robberies wearing masks modelled on former US presidents. However, his loyalties are tested to the limits when he is befriended by the gang's leader. Thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Patrick Swayze. (1991)

No Escape, Channel 4, 12.35am

A marine captain taken to an isolated island prison for killing his superior officer finds the captives have formed two distinct societies – one is striving to exist harmoniously in a fortified compound, while the other has descended into savagery. The soldier is drawn into helping the peaceful community defend itself from feral convicts while he plots his own escape. Sci-fi adventure, with Ray Liotta, Lance Henriksen and Stuart Wilson. (1994)

Pick of the Week

Will the Jennings' hidden secret be uncovered?

Elizabeth and Philip. Mention those two names, and probably the people that come to mind are our present Queen and her consort, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Whether Joe Weisberg, former CIA member and the creator of The Americans, had them in mind when he came up with the characters featured here remains a mystery; they certainly don't have much in common with those denizens of the House of Windsor.

Instead of focusing on their marriage, it tells the story of two KGB agents who are posing as ordinary Americans in suburban Washington DC. For those of us not around at the time, it's difficult to imagine just how paranoid the world was during the Cold War. However, this fascinating new drama should provide viewers with an education into the last few years of the situation.

Set just after the start of Ronald Reagan's term as US President in 1981, it begins by making it clear that despite having entered into a

marriage of convenience, Philip and Elizabeth have developed real feelings together.

The pair have become genuinely close and now have a passionate relationship, as well as two children – 13-year-old Paige and Henry, 10 – who have no idea of their parents' true identity.

Philip is played by Matthew Rhys, whose previous most high-profile roles have come as Kevin Walker in the US series Brothers and Sisters, and the ITV drama The Scapgoat.

"I think where you find Philip in the first episode is: he's come to a point in his life where he is no longer defined by his job," says Rhys. "The priority now in his life is his children. He's realised that his and Elizabeth's job has a shelf life and that the vice is slowly tightening and it's something they can't sustain."

"I think his real ambition in life is to secure the future for his children and for him and Elizabeth, really. His super-objective is to make sure that they're all safe – and the only real way to do that is to get out."

Philip thinks the perfect opportunity to do just that takes place in the first episode after he and his wife are ordered to kidnap Timoshev, a big shot at the KGB who recently defected to the US.

But the mission goes horribly wrong, and they're left with a hostage they can't seem to get rid of.

Philip thinks they should hand Timoshev back and defect themselves, but Elizabeth is horrified – she's still loyal to Mother Russia. But this division in their marriage is soon forgotten when an FBI agent moves in next door, and it's clear he's suspicious of his new neighbours...

Whether The Americans becomes ITV's answer to Channel 4's Homeland remains to be seen, but it certainly has potential.

It's also unusual for the broadcaster to show a US import, especially on a Saturday night – fingers crossed it works out well, because we're intrigued to see how this Elizabeth and Philip's story develops.



Matthew Rhys stars in The Americans, Saturday, ITV, 10pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Vicious

ITV, 9pm

Ian McKellen and Derek Jacobi have spent so long in the business, there's little wonder they handle what is essentially a glorified stage play with the skill of a couple of seasoned card players dealing ace after ace of comedy gold. It doesn't hurt that fellow showbiz veteran Frances de la Tour is also on board. After all, she was making millions of us giggle back in the days when co-star Iwan (Misfits) Rheon was a twinkle in his parents' eyes. This week, Freddie and Stuart invite Ash and new girlfriend Chloe to dinner. However, her annoying habits soon wile the camp thespians up. Meanwhile, Violet is having problems with her Argentinian lover.

TUESDAY

Body of Proof

Channel 5, 10pm

Hollywood loves a killer virus story, with projects such as Outbreak, 24 and Contagion creating edge-of-the-seat tension. As last week's chilling story reaches its conclusion, a lethal virus is being spread around Philadelphia, so the team race against the clock to find a cure before it's too late. Peter Morgan's girlfriend Dani and scores of others have already been killed by the disease, and Kate, head of the medical examiners' office, is also infected. Luckily she has stabilised and is now in quarantine. FBI Special Agent Brendan Johnson suggests one of the victims may be the terrorist who spread the disease, so the

team search the city hospitals in the hope of finding him.

WEDNESDAY

Love and Marriage

ITV, 9pm

This new light-hearted drama in the Shirley Valentine mould stars Alison Steadman as Pauline Parake. In episode one, she's retiring from work as a lollipop lady. It's a major event in her life, but the only person who notices or seems to care is Peter Bachman (Bruce Alexander), who gives her a present. Pauline feels put upon and taken for granted by her family, and the pressure builds when her dad, Frank (David Ryall), has an accident. Seeking comfort from Ken, he cruelly dismisses her, which is the final straw for Pauline, who decides to make a fresh start.

THURSDAY

Coma

Channel 5, 9pm

Back in the late 1970s, Robin Cook's novel Coma was turned into a hit-and-miss thriller with Michael Douglas and Genevieve Bujold. After more than 30 years, the subject matter (creepy goings on at a hospital) was ripe for a remake, and this large dose of adrenalin should pep up your night's viewing a treat. Lauren Ambrose plays medical student Susan Wheeler who starts her first year of training at the Peach Tree

Memorial Hospital, built by her late grandfather. Because an unusually high proportion of operations are resulting in the patient falling into a coma, Susan suspects something is going wrong at the hospital, but her investigations are soon thwarted at every turn.

Life Savers

BBC1, 9pm

We have a tendency to overuse certain phrases: for instance, someone, somewhere, will have been described as a "life-saver" today for something as simple as bringing a colleague a cup of tea. Which is all well and good, but where does it leave the people who genuinely do save lives on a day-to-day basis? This documentary captures the work of emergency medical crews at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, as cameras follow patients from the roadside to treatment and recovery. In the first episode, a head-on collision traps a family of three in one car and a single driver in the other. Thanks to consultant Rod Mackenzie and his colleagues, things could have been a lot worse. Now that's a life-saver.

Coma, Thursday, Channel 5, 9pm

FRIDAY

The Voice UK

BBC1, 7pm

It's the first live round, which means Jessie J will answer everything like it's a question, before hugging every member of her acts that don't make it through to the next stage. Will.i.am will be resisting the urge to Tweet his fans with thoughts on the show or his own unique world view, while Danny O'Donoghue jumps around in his seat like a child who's had too much orange juice. As ever, the effortlessly cool Tom Jones will be lending his expert opinion to the proceedings. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates will guide us through the musical mayhem as the dozen remaining acts perform for a place in next week's semi-final. You at home vote on who goes through, and the results can be seen at 9.30pm.

Channel 4's Comedy Gala

BBC1, 9pm

Gosh! This should be a night to remember as a host of famous faces team up to raise a giggle in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. Michael McIntyre, Jack Dee, Jo Brand, Jonathan Ross, Adam Hills, Russell Brand, Kevin Bridges, Lee Evans and Josh Widdicombe have all descended on London's O2 for a mix of stand-up comedy and specially written sketches. And if that lot aren't enough to make you tune in, how about Paddy McGuinness, Rhod Gilbert, Seann Walsh, Tom Storde, Nina Conti, Paul Chowdhry and Jon Richardson? Plus, Alan Carr, Miranda Hart and Warwick Davis team up with Diversity to showcase their own style of nifty footwork.

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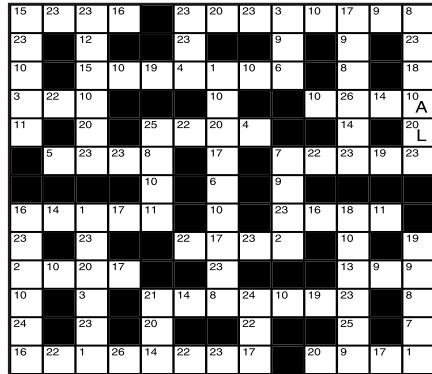
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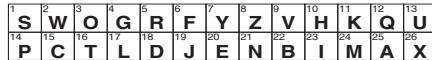
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

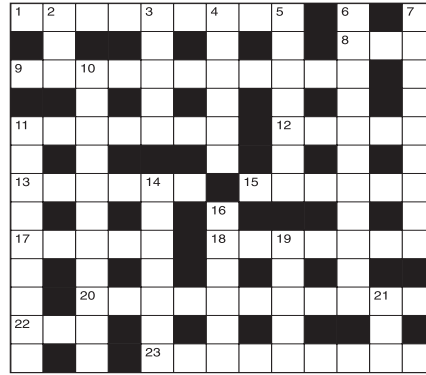
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Across

1. Made one's mark as a non-runner? (9)
8. I personally am included in the negotiations (3)
9. Advantageously provided for - as a spa will be (4-7)
11. Stop on board (5,2)
12. Dougie lost nothing in contriving to become a leader (5)
13. Shoots descendants (6)
15. It's fearfully ugly (6)
17. May's past ability (5)
18. Stamp something out (7)
20. His role may be grand or comic (5,6)
22. Slippery part of the elm (3)
23. Unwilling to give credit (9)

Down

2. It's needed by pot-ers and actors (3)
3. The rent is halved in that place (5)
4. Bay of the hounds? (6)
5. Do have a flutter, old lady! (7)
6. Special band for the match (7,4)
7. A warm tent to put up for a S. African (9)
10. The part of a conductor? (7,4)
11. Won't a teller handle such cash? (4,5)
14. Spicy little things, crazy about Margaret! (7)
16. He stole away from the shore (6)
19. The object of putting nothing in a pint (5)
21. Middle of the rain period (3)



Quick Clues:

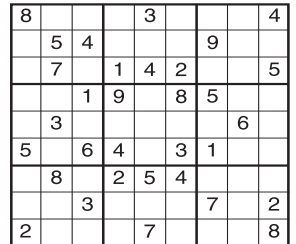
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Down

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6. Suitableness (11)
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19. Guide (5)
21. Nothing (3)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Effect; 4 Artist; 9 Bank overdraft; 10 Say when; 11 Alter; 12 Guide; 14 Tenet; 18 Raise; 19 On a diet; 21 Dressed to kill; 22 Reside; 23 Orphan. Down: 1 Emboss; 2 Funny business; 3 Cloth; 5 Red face; 6 In at the finish; 7 Tutors; 8 Teens; 13 Dressed; 15 Trader; 16 Bonds; 17 Stolen; 20 Amour. QUICK - Across: 1 Repair; 4 Errand; 9 Chronological; 10 Emperor; 11 Limit; 12 Scope; 14 Broom; 18 Incur; 19 Radiant; 21 Pronunciation; 22 Listen; 23 Clinch. Down: 1 Riches; 2 Perspicacious; 3 Inner; 5 Regular; 6 Accommodation; 7 Dilute; 8 Glory; 13 Perfume; 15 Dispel; 16 Tract; 17 Stench; 20 Drawl.

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YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Offers invited of around £164,950 for this house



This semi-detached house in Lilac Avenue, Yew Tree, Walsall, has gas central heating and uPVC double glazing

AN EXTENDED three-bedroom semi-detached house in Lilac Avenue, Yew Tree, Walsall, is on the market based on offers around £164,950.

The property benefits from gas central heating and uPVC double glazing with accommodation briefly comprising of enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen with breakfast area, down-

stairs WC, three bedrooms and upstairs bathroom with shared driveway to rear garden and further driveway with detached garage.

On the ground floor the lounge area has a brick-built feature fireplace with inset living flame fire and an archway to the dining area with French doors to the rear garden.

The extended fitted kitchen, 10ft 9in by 6ft 8in, has a range of wall and base units with roll edge work tops, one and a half bowl acrylic sink drainer with mixer tap, electric oven and hob with

cooker hood over, plumbing for washing machine, integral fridge and separate freezer and leading to a breakfast area with French doors to the rear garden.

There is also a WC with wash hand basin.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with corner bath with shower over, WC and wash hand basin. The rear garden has a patio area, lawn, trees and shrubs.

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 - Energy Rating D (67)
- Offers around £244,950**

ROWAN ROAD, DELVES



- Four Bed Semi • C/H & D/G
 - Porch • Hall • Two Receptions
 - Kitchen • Utility • W.C • En-suite
 - Bathroom • Driveway • Garage
 - Garden • Energy rating D (66)
- Offers around £214,950**

LILAC AVENUE, YEW TREE



- Three bed extended semi
 - CH & DG • Porch • Hall
 - Lounge/Dining • Breakfast Kitchen
 - Downstairs W.C • Bathroom
 - Driveway • Garage • E(54)
- Offers around £164,950**

ALMOND AVENUE, YEW TREE



- Three bed modernised semi
 - CH & DG • Porch • Hall
 - two Receptions • modern Kitchen
 - Bathroom • Driveway
 - Garage • Garden • D (62)
- Offers around £159,950**

CHARLES CRESCENT, PELLSALL



- Two/ Three bed semi • double fronted • Gas CH & DG
 - Downstairs WC • Kitchen & Bathroom • Driveway
 - Energy Rating D (57)
- Offers around £107,500**

WEST BROMWICH ROAD, WALSALL



- Two bed mid-terrace • Gas C/H
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PROPERTY AUCTION - 18th JUNE 2013

Nos 183, 185 & 187 GOLDTHORN HILL, WOLVERHAMPTON

Terrace of three spacious houses, three bedrooms, two receptions, cellars, garages and gardens - for modernisation - to be offered as one Lot

Guide: £230,000/£240,000

VIEWING - FRIDAY 31ST MAY @ 11.15 am
& SATURDAY 1ST JUNE @ 11.15 am
 (torch needed - please bring your own)

163 LINTHOUSE LANE, WEDNESFIELD

Looking out towards open fields, modern Detached, extended accommodation, two large reception, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, car port and large BUILDING PLOT with Planning Permission.

Guide: £163,000/£168,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY 31ST MAY @ 9.45 am
& SATURDAY 1ST JUNE @ 9.45 am

5 SUMMERFIELD ROAD, WEST PARK

Close to Park, Period Semi, offering dignified accommodation, two large reception, breakfast room, kitchen, cellar, fine landing, five bedrooms, boxroom, bathroom, attractive garden, stores, garage and vehicular access at rear.

Guide: £170,000/£180,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY 31ST MAY @ 1.00 pm
& SATURDAY 1ST JUNE @ 1.00 pm

Nos 14A-14D, UPPER LICHFIELD ST., WILLENHALL

In the heart of the town, four recently built Apartments all now let on AST's - advised currently producing approx. £16,500 p.a.x.,

Guide £150,000/£170,000

VIEWING - FRIDAY 31ST MAY @ 9.30 am
& SATURDAY 1ST JUNE @ 9.30 am

25 ASHLEY STREET, BILSTON

Mid Terraced, open outlook, big accommodation, Gas CH, two reception, kitchen wc, three bedrooms, huge bathroom, gardens.

Guide: £54,000/£59,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY 31ST MAY @ 10.30 am
& SATURDAY 1ST JUNE @ 10.30 am

125 JEFFCOCK ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Large Victorian Detached, Gas CH, hall, two reception, breakfast room, kitchen, three bedrooms, white bathroom, large outside store, garden.

Guide: £90,000/£100,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY 31ST MAY @ 12.00 pm
& SATURDAY 1ST JUNE @ 12.00 pm

NEWHAMPTON ROAD WEST, WOLVERHAMPTON - BUILDING LAND (adjacent to No 56)

With Planning Permission for Terrace of three two bed houses, vehicular access and parking.

Guide: £73,000/£78,000

3 CURZON STREET, BLAKENHALL

Spacious Mid Terraced in popular district, full refurb needed, two reception, kitchen and bathroom areas, three bedrooms, wash room, long rear garden.

Guide: £57,000/£62,000

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& SATURDAY 1ST JUNE @ 10.30 am
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18 WINDSOR ROAD, PARKFIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON

Conveniently located, smartly presented and spacious Detached residence with double glazing and Gas CH, fitted cloaks, two reception, large kitchen, laundry, three bedrooms, bathroom, off-road parking.

Guide: £60,000/£65,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY 31ST MAY @ 11.15 am
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1 CODSALL ROAD, TETTENHALL

Well located modernised Detached with smart interior, Gas CH, upvc windows, two reception, three bedrooms, modern kitchen and bathroom, garage, gardens.

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26 Hucker Close, Pleck, Walsall	12:00pm	12:00pm
425 Walsall Road, Great Wyrley	1:00pm	1:00pm
52 Burntwood Road, Norton Canes	1:45pm	1:45pm
10 Hill Street, Hednesford	2:15pm	2:15pm
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33 ROWLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Semi detached house
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating (not tested)
- ◆ In need of some improvement
- ◆ Ideal buy to let
- ◆ EPC RATING: 62



2 LOVE LANE, RUGELEY
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Inner terraced house built c.1900
- ◆ Some double glazing
- ◆ Gas fired central heating (not tested)
- ◆ In need of general improvement
- ◆ EPC RATING: 49



26 HUCKER CLOSE, PLECK, WALSALL
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Mid terraced house
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ In need of comprehensive modernisation
- ◆ EPC RATING: 48



66 EDINBURGH AVENUE, BENTLEY, WALSALL
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Three bedroom semi detached house
- ◆ Gas central heating (not tested)
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ In need of renovation/improvement works
- ◆ EPC RATING: 44



425 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Link semi detached house
- ◆ Popular residential location
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Requiring refurbishment
- ◆ EPC RATING: TBC



10 HILL STREET, HEDNESFORD
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Detached house
- ◆ Conveniently located for Hednesford Town Centre
- ◆ Requiring complete renovation and refurbishment
- ◆ Possibly suitable for redevelopment (Subject to Planning Permission)
- ◆ EPC RATING: 1



53 & 55 HAZEL GROVE, WOMBOURNE
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Ground and first floor flats (as one lot)
- ◆ Ideal buy to let
- ◆ Gas central heating (not tested)
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC RATING: 56 & 61



57 & 59 HAZEL GROVE, WOMBOURNE
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Ground and first floor flats (As One Lot)
- ◆ Ideal buy to let
- ◆ Gas central heating (Not Tested)
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC RATING: 61 & 54



FLATS 1 & 2, 10 CROSS STREET, BRIDGTOWN
FREEHOLD INVESTMENT

- ◆ Two no. One bedroomed flats
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating (Not Tested)
- ◆ Currently let and producing £8,520 per annum
- ◆ EPC RATING: 68 & 71



52 BURNTWOOD ROAD, NORTON CANES
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Semi detached house
- ◆ Popular residential area
- ◆ Requiring repair and refurbishment
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ Benefiting from off road parking and garage
- ◆ EPC RATING: 20



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FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT

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- ◆ Good sized site providing off road parking
- ◆ Electric heating recently installed
- ◆ EPC RATING: FLAT 1 - 36, FLAT 2A - 38, FLAT 2B - TBC, FLAT 3 - 32, FLAT 3A - 46, FLAT 4 - 40, FLAT 5 - 40



538 STAFFORD ROAD, CANNOCK
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ First floor flat
- ◆ One bedroom
- ◆ Ideal Buy to Let
- ◆ Electric night storage heating
- ◆ EPC RATING: TBC



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A utility with sink and plumbing and space for washing machine and dryer, as well as a guest WC.

Front

On the first floor bedroom one has a shower room of and there are two more bedrooms and a bathroom with white suite, while on the second floor are three further bedrooms.

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£795 pcm Aster Way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A modern 4 bed detached property ● 2 reception rooms with laminate flooring ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Upstairs family bathroom ● Master En-Suite ● SORRY NO PETS OR DSS 	£795 pcm Woodruff Way, Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A modern 4 bed detached property ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Upstairs family bathroom ● Master En-Suite ● Driveway and Garage, rear garden 	£795 pcm Highgate Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A re-furnished 4 bed detached property ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Upstairs family bathroom with shower ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● SORRY NO DSS, Garage & Driveway 	£625 pcm Rosehip Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A modern 3 bed semi detached ● 2 spacious reception room ● Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker ● Upstairs family bathroom with shower ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● Guest WC and Driveway 	£595 pcm Columbine Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A splendid 3 bed semi detached ● 1 Spacious through lounge area ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● A pleasant family bathroom ● Gas central heating and Double glazing ● Garage and Driveway 	£575 pcm Broadway West <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A superb 3 bed semi detached property ● 2 Spacious reception rooms ● A modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Pleasant upstairs family bathroom ● Gas central heating and Double glazing ● Fully enclosed rear garden, Sorry No Dss
£550 pcm Waverley Road, Bloxwich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A superb 2bed mid terrace property ● 2 Spacious reception rooms ● A modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Pleasant upstairs family bathroom ● Gas central heating and Double glazing ● Good size conservatory, Dss accepted 	£525 pcm Birmingham New Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A traditional 3 bed Semi Detached ● 1 Good size through lounge ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Upstairs family bathroom with shower ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● Driveway, DSS accepted, rear garden 	£495 pcm Parish Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A modern ground floor 2 bed apartment ● 1 Spacious reception room ● A modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Pleasant family bathroom ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● Allocated parking, 2 store rooms 	£480pcm Victoria Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A traditional 3bed mid terrace ● 2 Spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Pleasant downstairs family bathroom ● Gas central heating and Double glazing ● Rear garden, Dss accepted 	£475 pcm Stephenson Avenue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A re-decorated 2 bed end terrace ● 1 Spacious reception room ● Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker ● Upstairs family bathroom with shower ● Gas central heating and Double glazing ● Enclosed rear garden, Dss accepted 	£475 pcm West Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A fully refurbished 2bed mid terrace ● 2 Spacious reception rooms ● A good size modern fitted kitchen ● Newly downstairs family bathroom ● Gas central heating and Double glazing ● Enclosed rear garden and Dss accepted
£495 pcm Dickinson Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A spacious 3 bed semi detached ● Spacious lounge with laminate flooring ● Good size modern fitted Kitchen/diner ● Pleasant upstairs family bathroom ● Pleasant downstairs family bathroom ● Gas Central Heating and double Glazing ● Driveway, Rear garden, Dss Accepted 	£450 pcm Pimpnal Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A modern 2bed end terrace property ● 1 Spacious reception room ● Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker ● Pleasant upstairs family bathroom ● Gas central heating and Double glazing ● Parking and rear garden 	£430 pcm Hereford Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A traditional 2 bed mid terrace ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Fitted kitchen and side utility ● Downstairs family bathroom ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted 	£325 pcm Ablewell Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A pleasant 1 bed apartment ● Spacious lounge/diner ● Fitted kitchen with electric cooker ● Pleasant family bathroom ● Secure key code entrance ● Town centre location 	<div> <p>CALLING ALL LANDLORDS!</p> <p>DE TO RECORD LITS PROPERTIES</p> <p>URGENTLY REQUIRED IN ALL AREAS</p> <p>MANAGEMENT FEES FROM 7%</p> <p>URBAN LINK</p> <p>01922 723743</p> <p>CALL 01922 723743 FOR A FREE VALUATION</p> </div>	
£375pcm Bradford Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A refurbished studio apartment ● A spacious lounge/bedroom area ● Brand new fitted kitchen with cooker ● Modern bathroom with shower ● Gas central heating and Double glazing ● Town centre location 	£350 pcm Stafford Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A 1bed refurbished apartment ● A spacious lounge area ● Fully fitted kitchen with cooker and fridge ● A pleasant bathroom with shower over bath ● Electric heating and Double glazing ● Dss Accepted, located in willenhall town center 	£320 pcm Thomas Mews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 bedroom ground floor apartment ● One spacious living room ● Modern fitted kitchen ● Family bathroom with white suite ● Gas central heating throughout ● Town centre location 	£300 pcm Church Street, Darlaston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A splendid 2nd floor studio apartment ● Spacious living area ● Modern fitted kitchen with appliances ● Spacious bathroom ● Gas central heating throughout ● Fully re-furnished, DSS accepted 		

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LOT 1

Nursery Road Bloxwich

Viewings: 31st May at 1pm



GUIDE PRICE £35,000 - £45,000

Traditionally styled extended semi detached residence situated in a good location within a short distance of Bloxwich centre with double glazing and some gas central heating (however this has not been tested and needs to be verified by the prospective purchaser) lending itself to first time buyer/investor or buy to let. The property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Lean To, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating D

LOT 2

Chepstow Way Bloxwich

Viewings: 31st May at 10.30am



GUIDE PRICE £20,000 - £25,000

A modern mid terrace residence in need of complete modernisation and improvement situated within a short distance of Bloxwich centre with all facilities provided. The property comprises: Enclosed Porch, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Rear Store, Rear Porch, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating F

LOT 3

Butts Road Walsall

Viewings: 1st June at 10am



A spacious gas centrally heated first floor flat above shops in this convenient location in need of refurbishment. The property comprises: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C. EPC Rating D

GUIDE PRICE £35,000 - £40,000

LOT 4

Coal Pool Lane Walsall

Viewings: Site is open for inspection



Freehold building plot with planning permission for the erection of two storey three bed detached dwelling house Application Number 2010/0704. The footings have already been laid thus offering an ideal opportunity for a builder to complete the project for future sale or rental opportunity. Accommodation when complete: Porch, Reception Hall and WC, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Garage.

GUIDE PRICE £20,000 - £25,000

LOT 5

Chase Road Bloxwich

Viewings: 31st May at 11am



---Cash Offers Only--- are invited for this non traditional semi detached property situated on the Dudley Fields Estate within a short distance of Bloxwich Town Centre in need of full modernisation and improvement but offering good sized living accommodation ideal for an investor. The property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Rear Lean To, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating E

GUIDE PRICE £20,000 - £30,000

LOT 6

Whitby Close Bloxwich

Viewings: 16th & 22nd May at 11.30am



A traditionally styled semi detached property set in a corner of a quiet cul-de-sac in a popular residential area ideally suited to a first time buyer or investor, in need of modernisation and improvement. The property comprises: Reception Hall, Kitchen, Lounge, Additional Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Garden. EPC Rating C

GUIDE PRICE £20,000 - £30,000

LOT 7

Balcaskie Close Edgbaston



GUIDE PRICE £245,000 - £265,000

A charming link detached property situated on the highly sought after Calthorpe Estate, within a short distance of Birmingham City Centre offering well planned living accommodation, in need of certain improvement but offering an excellent opportunity. The accommodation includes Hall, Guest W.C., Breakfast Kitchen, Living Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating D

LOT 8

Hollies Road Tamworth



GUIDE PRICE £170,000 - £195,000

Traditional four bedroomed detached family residence enjoying rural views in this tucked away position on the corner of Park Avenue and Hollies Road having gas central heating and double glazing the property comprises: Porch, Reception Hall, Guest Cloaks, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Conservatory, Dining Room, Lounge, Study/Office, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Gardens. EPC Rating D

LOT 9

Mostyn Crescent West Bromwich

Viewings: 1st June at 2.30pm



GUIDE PRICE £55,000 - £65,000

Traditionally styled semi detached property situated in a quiet cul de sac offering tremendous scope for further improvement, ideal for a developer or buy-to-let investor. Situated between West Bromwich and Wednesbury, the property comprises of the following in greater detail and has some gas central heating and double glazing, however none of these have been tested. The property comprises: Storm Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen, Lean To, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating E

LOT 10

Barracks Lane Blakenall

Viewings: 31st May at 12pm



Traditionally styled semi detached residence situated close to Blakenall Centre in need of complete modernisation and improvement comprising: Hallway, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Side Lobby, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating F

GUIDE PRICE £25,000 - £30,000

LOT 11

Stewart Road Walsall Wood

Viewings 1st June at 11am



Traditionally styled semi detached property conveniently located in a popular residential area ideally suited to the needs of a investor or builder in need of complete modernisation and improvement but comprising Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, W.C, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating G

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 - £60,000

LOT 12

Bank Street Cannock



GUIDE PRICE £55,000 - £59,000

Traditionally styled mid terraced residence offering the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. Situated just off Heath Hayes High Street offering an ideal opportunity for a first time buyer or investor. The property comprises:- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating F

LOT 13

Elmsdale Court Walsall

Viewings by Appointment



A perfect investment opportunity consisting of a one bedroom ground floor flat situated close to Walsall town centre, currently let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy dated 4th December 2012 for 12 months at a rent of £395.00 pcm. Offering a yield of approximately 10%. The property comprises: Reception Hall, Kitchen, Lounge, Bathroom, Bedroom. EPC Rating F

GUIDE PRICE £40,000 - £45,000

LOT 14

Willenhall Street Darlaston

Viewings: 1st June at 1.45pm



A traditionally styled mid terraced property in need of complete modernisation and improvement, conveniently located between Wednesbury and Darlaston Centres, ideal for an investment opportunity, the property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, W.C, Lean To, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating E

GUIDE PRICE £25,000 - £30,000



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LOT 15 Grants Yard Burton on Trent

Viewing by Appointment



GUIDE PRICE £45,000 - £55,000

Ideally suited for a first time buyer or investor, this purpose built ground floor apartment is priced to sell. Located in a prime position close to the centre of Burton, the property offers well planned and appointed living accommodation with storage heaters and double glazing. The property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge/Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom, Parking. EPC Rating C

LOT 16 Masfield Road Blakenall

Viewings: 31st May at 12.30pm



Traditionally styled semi detached property in need of complete modernisation and improvement but set on a very wide large plot offering itself for further extensions and development subject to the necessary planning etc. The accommodation comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Additional Room, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Fore & Rear Gardens. EPC Rating C

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 - £60,000

LOT 17 Kent Street Walsall

Viewings: 31st May at 2pm



A traditionally styled semi detached residence which has been extended at ground floor level and offers well planned spacious accommodation in need of some modernisation and improvement, ideal for an investor. The property comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Area, Additional Area, Side Lobby, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating E

GUIDE PRICE £25,000 - £35,000

LOT 18 Portsea Road Leamore

Viewings: 31st May at 1.30PM



••Cash Offers Only•• are invited for this traditionally styled three bedroom semi detached residence in need of complete modernisation and improvement, conveniently located between Walsall and Bloxwich Town Centres. The property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Rear Lobby, W.C., Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating F

GUIDE PRICE £20,000 - £30,000

LOT 19 Sutton Road Walsall

Viewing: 1st June at 12pm



GUIDE PRICE £190,000- £210,000

A traditionally styled detached family residence set in a delightful semi rural location with views across Green Belt. In need of some improvements the property offers an ideal opportunity for future development and extensions and comprises: Reception Hall, Dining Room, Extended Living Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Large Utility/Verandah. Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Garage, Fore Garden with off street parking, Attractive Rear Garden with open aspect. EPC Rating F

LOT 20 Brace Street Walsall

Viewing: 1st June at 1pm



Traditionally styled Victorian terraced property conveniently located in the heart of Caldmore, ideal for a first time buyer or investor with gas fired central heating and double glazing the property has undergone modernisation and comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Lobby, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Bedroom, Yard and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D

GUIDE PRICE £62,500 - £72,500

LOT 21 Tynings Lane Aldridge

Viewings: 1st June at 11.30am



GUIDE PRICE £90,000 - £110,000

A traditional semi detached house in this sought after location in need of full modernization but offering tremendous potential. The accommodation includes: Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating E.

LOT 22 Bridle Lane Streethly

Viewings By Appointment



GUIDE PRICE £190,000 - £210,000

This traditionally styled gas centrally heated and double glazed detached family residence is situated in a popular residential area and offers well planned spacious accommodation, ideally suited to the needs of a growing family. The property which has been extended at ground floor level comprises of the following:- Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating D

LOT 23 Ashtree Road Pelsall

Viewings: 1st June at 10.30am



GUIDE PRICE £70,000 - £80,000

Situated just off Pelsall High Street, this detached property is currently split into two self contained flats and would therefore make an ideal purchase for an investor. The ground floor unit is currently vacant whilst the first floor is let on an Assured Shorthold - Periodic Tenancy from 17th April 2012 at a rent of £395.00 per calendar month. The property is set on a good plot and has driveway leading to garage as well as good size rear gardens. 52 comprises: Ground floor flat with gas fired central heating consisting of kitchen, lounge, hallway, two bedrooms, bathroom. EPC Rating D. 52a comprises: This property has not yet been inspected by the auctioneers, but we are informed that the accommodation benefits from gas fired central heating and is as follows: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom. EPC Rating D

LOT 24 Weston Street Walsall

Viewings: 1st June at 12.30pm



Traditionally styled Victorian mid terraced property in need of complete modernisation and improvement. Situated within close proximity of all amenities, the property comprises: Lounge, Hallway, Living Room, Kitchen, Lobby, Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Yard and Rear Garden. EPC Rating F

GUIDE PRICE £40,000 - £45,000

LOT 25 Grange Farm Drive Birmingham



Purpose built spacious ground floor maisonette conveniently located offering an ideal opportunity for an investor. In need of modernisation and improvement, the property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Rear Garden. EPC Rating

GUIDE PRICE £40,000 - £45,000

LOT 26 Coppice Lane Willenhall

Viewings: 31st May at 10am



This traditionally styled 1950's semi detached property offers well planned spacious living accommodation in need of complete modernisation and improvement making an ideal purchase for a developer or buy to let investor. Set back from the road behind a good size garden with ample off street parking, the property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Range of Outbuildings, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating F

GUIDE PRICE £65,000 - £75,000

LOT 27 Pugh Crescent Walsall

Viewings: 1st June at 3.15pm



Traditional semi detached property in need of complete modernisation comprising:- Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms. EPC Rating G

GUIDE PRICE £25,000 - £35,000

LOT 28 Church Lane Kitts Green

Viewings: 3rd June at 3.15pm



GUIDE PRICE £25,000 - £35,000

A traditionally styled mid terraced residence with double glazing and gas fired central heating, in need of some improvement but offering a tremendous opportunity for investor or builder. Conveniently located close to amenities. Comprising:- Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens.



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● Sorry NO DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£575 PCM



**Bloxwich
Alnwick Road**
● Three Bedroom Detached
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● Family Bathroom●New Carpets
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● Extensive Rear Garden●Garage

£550 PCM



**Bloxwich
Lancaster Place**
● Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Lounge●Dining Room●Kitchen/Utility
● Family Bathroom●New Carpets
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● Front & Rear Gardens●DHSS Accepted

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**Walsall
Belgrave Walk**
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Two Reception Rooms
● Fitted Kitchen●Front & Rear Gardens
● D.Glazing & G.C.Heating●Garage
● DHSS Accepted●No Pets or Smokers

£525 PCM



**Walsall
Lumley Road**
● Three Bedroom Terraced Property
● Part Furnished-Two Reception Rooms
● Fitted Kitchen-Downstairs Bathroom
● Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
● Rear Garden-DHSS Accepted

£500 PCM



**Walsall
Segundo Road**
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Lounge●Kitchen●Family Bathroom
● Garage●Gardens●Off Road Parking
● D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating
● Sorry NO DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£500 PCM



**Walsall
Manorhouse Close**
● Two Bed Apartment
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom
● Double Glazing●Heating
● Front & Rear Gardens●Garage
● Sorry NO DHSS,Pets or Smokers

£495 PCM



**Bloxwich
Millfield Avenue**
● Three Bedroom End-Terrace
● Lounge●Kitchen/Diner
● Guest W.C.●Family Shower Room
● Front & Rear Gardens●Garage
● Double Glazing & Electric Heating

£495 PCM



**Bloxwich
Walker Road**
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● New floorcovering throughout
● Lounge●Kitchen●Family Bathroom
● Double Glazing●Rear Garden
● Front & Rear Gardens●DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM



**Walsall
Lord Street**
● Three Bedroom Semi Detached
● Lounge●Dining Room●Kitchen
● Family Bathroom
● Front and Rear Gardens
● DHSS ACCEPTED

£495 PCM



**Bloxwich
Beeches Road**
● Two Bedroom Semi Detached
● Lounge●Kitchen/Diner
● Utility●Family Bathroom
● Large Rear Garden●Off Road Parking
● Corner Plot with room to extend

£475 PCM



**Walsall
Thornbury Road**
● Two Bedroom Apartment
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen●Double Glazing
● Bathroom with shower over bath
● Electric Heating●Allocated Parking
● Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich
Green Lane**
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
● Brand New Kitchen●New Bathroom
● Rear Garden●DHSS Accepted
● Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich
Somerfield Road**
● Three Bedroom Terrace
● Lounge● Kitchen●Downstairs W.C.
● Bathroom with separate shower cubicle
● Part Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating
● Gardens●O.R.Parking●DHSS Accepted

£475 PCM



**Walsall
Borneo Street**
● Three Bedroom Terrace
● 2 Reception Rooms●Dining Room
● Kitchen●Family Bathroom
● Double Glazing●Rear Garden
● Majority Gas Central Heating●DHSS

£475 PCM



**Walsall
West Bromwich Road**
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Open Plan Lounge/Diner
● Kitchen●Ground Floor Bathroom
● Gardens●Gas Central Heating
● Sorry No DHSS

£460 PCM



**Walsall
Guild Court**
● Two Bedroom Apartments
● Lounge/Kitchen
● Family Bathroom
● Gas Central Heating
● Double Glazing●DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



**Blakenhall Heath
Church Walk,Parish Court**
● Two Bedroom Apartment
● Double Glazing
● Gas Central Heating
● Secure Entrance
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



**Bloxwich
Millfield Avenue**
● Two Bedroom Flat
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
● Separate W.C.
● Gas Central Heating
● Communal Grounds

£450 PCM



**Walsall
Pendlebury Close**
● One Bedroom Penthouse Apartment
● Secure Intercom Access●Lounge
● Fitted Kitchen●En-Suite
● Bathroom●D.Glazing & Central Heating
● Parking●Sorry No DHSS, Pets

£450 PCM



**Walsall
Cannon Street**
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms●Kitchen
● Ground Floor Bathroom●Separate W.C.
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen
● Sorry No Pets or Smokers

£450 PCM



**Walsall
Deermead Court**
● Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
● Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
● En-Suite Shower Room●Bathroom
● Gas Central Heating●Double Glazing
● Allocated Parking●Sorry No DHSS

£440 PCM



**Walsall
Bloxwich Road**
● Two Bedroom Flat
● Lounge●Kitchen
● Off Road Parking
● Gas Central Heating
● DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM



**Walsall
Thornbury Road**
● One & Two Bedroom Apartments
● Lounge●Fitted kitchen
● Bathroom●Electric Heating
● Double Glazing
● Allocated Parking●Sorry No DHSS

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**Walsall
Waterfront Way**
● One Bedroom Apartment
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen
● Electric Heating
● Double Glazing
● Sorry No DHSS

£400 PCM



**Bloxwich
Marton Court**
● One Bed Apartment
● Fitted kitchen●Lounge●Bathroom
● Double glazing
● Electric Heating
● DHSS Accepted

£400 PCM



**Bloxwich
Harrison Street**
● Two Bedroom Flat
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen
● Double Glazing
● Electric heating
● DHSS Accepted

£400 PCM



**Bloxwich
Foster Street**
● Two Bedroom Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms●Family Bathroom
● Gas Central Heating●Double Glazing
● Rear Garden●DHSS Accepted

£400 PCM



**Walsall
Bloxwich Road**
● Two Bedroom Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms●Large Kitchen
● Ground Floor Bathroom with Shower
● Rear Garden●Gas Central Heating
● DHSS Accepted

£400 PCM



**Walsall
Hillary Street**
● Ground Floor Two Bedroom Flat
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen
● Family Bathroom
● DHSS Accepted
● Council Tax Band: band A

£390 PCM



**Bloxwich
Field Road**
● One Bedroom Flat
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
● Central Heating
● Double Glazing
● Sorry No DHSS

£375 PCM



**Bloxwich
Signal Grove**
● One Bedroom Flat
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
● Heating●Communal Grounds
● Allocated Parking
● DHSS Accepted

£375 PCM



**Bloxwich
Parker Street**
● One Bedroom Flats
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen
● Bathroom
● Central Heating
● DHSS Accepted

£370 PCM



**Bloxwich
Barracks Lane**
● One Bedroom Flat
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
● Double Glazing
● Electric Heating
● DHSS Accepted

£300 PCM



**Walsall
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● DHSS ACCEPTED

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- Garage • Off Road Parking • Pleasant Rear Garden

£180,000



**WILLENHALL
ROSEHILL**

- Large Period End Terrace Property • No Chain
- Reception Hall • Lounge • Dining Room
- Breakfast Room • Kitchen • ENERGY RATING TBC
- Four Bedrooms • Bathroom and Separate WC
- Side Gardens • Gas Central Heating System

£140,000



**WILLENHALL
BLOOR MILL CLOSE**

- Well Presented Modern Semi Detached • No Chain
- Hall • Guest WC • Lounge • Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen
- Breakfast Room • Family Bathroom • En-Suite Shower Room
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating System
- Driveway • Rear Gardens • ENERGY RATING TBC

£139,950



**NEW INVENTION
WYCHBOLD CLOSE**

- Modern Style End Town House • ENERGY RATING TBC
- Three Good Size Bedrooms • Family Bathroom
- Lounge • 18ft Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen/Diner
- Upstairs Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating System
- Enclosed Rear Garden • Communal Parking

Offers Over £100,000



**BENTLEY
EWART ROAD**

- Well Appointed Traditional Style Semi Detached • No Chain
- Spacious Lounge • Dining Room • ENERGY RATING TBC
- Fitted Kitchen • Utility • Downstairs WC
- Two Double Bedrooms • Bathroom • Pleasant Gardens
- Gas CH • Majority Double Glazing • Off Road Parking

Offers Over £99,950



**WILLENHALL
ST ANNES ROAD**

- Mid Terrace Property • Requires Renovation
- Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • ENERGY RATING TBC
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- No Chain • Rear Gardens

£72,500



**SHORT HEATH
WOOD LANE CLOSE**

- Outstanding Detached Bungalow • Versatile Accommodation
- Three Double Bedrooms • 2 Re-Fitted Bathrooms
- Conservatory • Superb Spacious Lounge • Energy C
- Excellent Re-Fitted Kitchen with Dining Area
- Garage & Driveway • Rear Gardens • Gas CH • Double Glaz

£250,000



REDUCED

**BENTLEY, WALSALL
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD WEST**

- Individually designed detached bungalow
- 3 bedrooms
- Lounge & dining kitchen
- Part double glazing • Gas CH
- 40ft garage • No chain • Energy Rating 'D'

£225,000



**WILLENHALL
PRINCETHORPE ROAD**

- Modern detached • 3 bedrooms • En-suite • Bathroom
- Spacious lounge/dining room • Kitchen • Conservatory
- Garage, Drive, Gardens • Gas CH, 18ft Glaz • Energy 'C'

£199,950



**WILLENHALL
RAVENSBOROUGH GROVE**

- Excellent modern style semi detached property
- Lounge • Dining kitchen • ENERGY RATING TBC
- Three bedrooms • Bathroom
- Garage and driveway • Pleasant rear garden
- Utility/workshop • Gas central heating • Double glazing

£140,000



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BURFORD CLOSE (Off Millchipp Road)**

- Newly Built Detached Bungalow • Brand New Development
- Lounge • Breakfast Kitchen
- Two • Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas CH • Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking • Gardens • Energy Rating TBC

£129,995



NO CHAIN

**WILLENHALL
ALBION STREET**

- Superb and terrace
- Spacious lounge • Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Double glazing • Gas central heating
- Garage, driveway • Viewing recommended • Energy 'C'

£129,950 NO CHAIN



**BEACON ESTATE
MOORE ROAD**

- Well Appointed Traditional Style Semi Detached • NO Chain
- Lounge • Impressive Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas CH System • Double Glazing
- Driveway & Rear gardens • Energy Rating TBC

£119,950



**NEW INVENTION
SANDLAND ROAD**

- Excellent traditional semi detached property
- Spacious refitted kitchen • ENERGY RATING D
- Lounge & dining room • Three good size bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Large rear garden • Utility area • Viewing recommended

£118,000



**BENTLEY
MORRIS AVENUE**

- Spacious Traditional Style Semi Detached • Energy rating TBC
- Lounge & Dining Room • Kitchen
- Three Good Size Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating • Lobby / WC
- Large Rear Gardens • No Lowest Chain

£114,950



**NEW INVENTION
MOORE ROAD**

- Traditional style semi detached property
- Two spacious reception rooms • ENERGY RATING D
- Kitchen • Three good size bedrooms • Bathroom • Lobby/outbuilding/wc
- Fitted breakfast kitchen • Bathroom • Garage & driveway
- Requires modernisation • Gas central heating and double glazing
- Garage to the rear • Superb front and rear gardens • No Chain

£110,000



NO CHAIN

**WILLENHALL
LISTER STREET**

- Three bedroom mid terrace property • Energy 'D'
- 11' Glazing • Gas c/heating
- Two receptions
- Fitted kitchen • Ground fl Bathroom
- Pleasant garden

Was £94,950, NOW £85,000 NO CHAIN



**WILLENHALL
HALEY STREET**

- Traditional style 3 Bedroom mid terrace • Energy 'D'
- Lounge • Refitted dining kitchen
- Ground floor Shower Room
- En-suite wc • Part d/glaz
- Part Gas CH • Drive • Gardens

£85,000

WILLENHALL

- Superb Modern detached residence • Four bedrooms
- Two receptions • Breakfast kitchen • Gas CH • Double glaz
- 2 en-suites • Bathroom • Garden • Garage • Energy 'D'

£250,000

WILLENHALL

- Modern style end town house • Two bedrooms • Lounge
- Dining Kitchen • Gas central heating • Double glazing
- Good size rear garden • Driveway to the fore • Energy 'C'

£125,000

NEW INVENTION

- Pleasant one bedroom semi • Two Receptions
- Fitted kitchen • Pleasant Rear garden • Off road parking
- Gas central heating • Double Glazing • Energy Rating 'D'

£87,950 OFFERS

SHORT HEATH

- Superb detached property • 3 bedrooms • Energy C
- Spacious lounge • Dining kitchen • Luxury Bathroom
- Shower Rm • Double Glaz, Gas CH • Driveway, Garden

£169,950

BENTLEY

- Extended Traditional Style Semi Detached • No Chain
- Energy E • Two Receptions • Fitted Kitchen • 3 Bedrooms
- Gas CH • Double Glazing • Gardens • Garage, Driveway

£107,000

WILLENHALL

- Superb Ground floor apartment • Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen • Bathroom, Parking Space
- Double glazing • Central heating • Energy Rating 'C'

£85,000 NO CHAIN

WILLENHALL

- Pleasantly appointed detached property • Gas c/heating
- Lounge • Dining room • Refitted kitchen • 4 bedrooms
- Off road parking • Energy Rating 'E'

Was £175,000 NOW £162,000

WILLENHALL

- Extended three bedroom property • Two Receptions
- Fitted breakfast kitchen • Bathroom • Garage & driveway
- Gas CH • Double glazing • Energy Rating 'E'

NOW £105,000

WILLENHALL

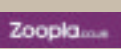
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BENTLEY LANE, WILLENHALL

Extended Three Bed Detached Property Having Lounge, Separate Dining Area, Sitting Area, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Area/Office, Ground Floor W.C, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower/Steam Cubicle, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden With Rear Access And Driveway.

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BENTLEY LANE, WILLENHALL
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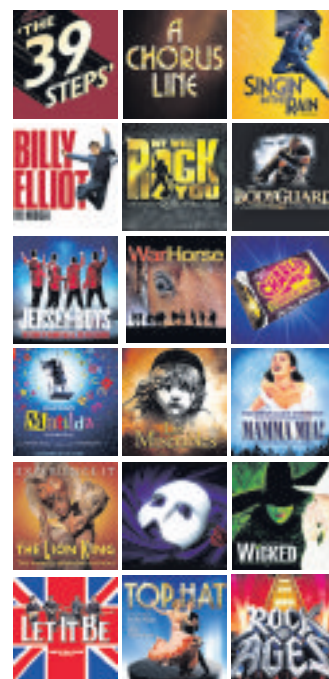
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Rushall go West and gain victory

Lichfield 161, Rushall 162-6. Rushall won by four wickets
RUSHALL returned to winning form with a comfortable victory over Lichfield in Staffs Clubs Division Two.

Rob West's unbeaten half-century got the home side over the line.

Rushall won the toss and invited the visitors to bat.

Both Peter West (22) and Richard Cust (41) made early headway for Lichfield.

But a change of bowling saw Alan Dunn continue his wicket-taking exploits, picking up three quick victims.

Tom Wall made 44 for Lichfield, but Ian Clayton rolled back the years with a spin bowling masterclass to wrap up the Lichfield tail and claim 4-18 off his eight overs.

The Rushall reply looked to be in trouble when they slipped to 35-3.

But Ian Edwards (29) provided resistance before Plant (50 not out) ensured the victory with excellent support from Scott Peach (35) as Rushall passed the target with four overs to spare.

Rushall 255-7, Four Oaks 175-7. Draw
Rushall dominated this Division Three match, but could not take the final three wickets they needed for victory.

Rushall, inserted by the home team, made only 18 from their first dozen overs.

But openers Daz Stacey (68) and Jack Clayton (45) cut loose with 100 in the next 13 overs to leave them 118-0 at drinks.

Shaun Allsop (46) continued the good work and contributions from Nick Dennant (22), Matt Merrick (20) and Matt Jones (19 not out) saw Rushall post a formidable score of 255-7.

Despite the efforts of Mohammed Tanveer (44) and Adam Awan (37), Four Oaks were always up against it in reply.

Jones, Paul Hopkinson and Andy Callaghan took two wickets apiece.

Four Oaks finished 80 short of the target but held on for the losing draw.

Club opens sail school

GREENSFORGE Sailing Club is looking forward to a bright future after its new Royal Yachting Association sailing school was officially opened.

The Gailey club recently received coveted RYA training centre status, meaning it can offer more high-quality sailing opportunities.

The club is looking forward to welcoming people to its first dinghy RYA level one learn to sail course, which starts on Sunday.

Anyone interested should contact Gill Cooper on 07790 921419. A course application form can also be downloaded at www.greensforge.org

Liam makes a winning start

STAFFORD ROAD, Bloxwich bowls team won by 48 shots in what looked to be their hardest match of the season so far.

They beat Crown Green B 183-135 at home.

Liam Worgan became the club's second junior to make a debut in as many weeks.

He took a 21-7 victory to join Hayley Scott (21-6), Kelton Scott (21-3), Ken Fencott (21-6), John Platt (21-17) and Brian Arnold (21-12) as winners.



Eric Bristow, third from left, takes on lorry drivers at the New Hollies truck stop, Cannock

Truckers' champ day

LORRY drivers tackled five-times darts world champion Eric Bristow as he launched a refurbished truck stop in Cannock.

The truckers turned up at the New Hollies Truck Stop on the A5 to find the 'Crafty Cockney' waiting for a game.

Bristow, aged 56, of Leek, said: 'I used to call in this place a long time ago with my driver - you wouldn't recognise it now.'

'The truckers were queuing up for a game and I was dying for a big breakfast. One of the lads I played reminded me that his uncle Mike Tisdley - known as the Black Prince - beat me in a boozier about 30 years ago.'

'It's been a real trip down Memory Lane.'

Among those taking on Eric was wagon driver Jason Foxall, 40, of Darlaston, who

Darts

said: 'I've never played darts with a world champion before.'

Retired policeman and trucker Bob Hill, 69, of Kingswinford, beat Eric with nine darts and said: 'I used to play football until I was 51, but darts clearly should have been my game.'

Northern Irish trucker Barry McGurgan, 36, of Amagh, said: 'This place is my local. It's unbelievable having a game of darts with Eric Bristow.'

Bookie Fred Done, co-owner of the Betfred empire, bought the truck stop and pulled in his sporting pal Bristow for a game of arrows with the truckers to launch it.

Whirlwind last round sees Breeze take title

DANIEL BREEZE and Connor Jones were crowned national amateur champions in the junior ABA competition after success in the finals at Mansfield Civic Centre.

But there was defeat for Breeze's Walsall Wood ABC club-mate, Joseph Stevenson, who lost a majority decision in his first national final against a strong opponent.

Stevenson faced the hard-hitting Yahia Chelli, from Dale Youth ABC, London, in the most senior of Classes - Six, for boxers born in 1995 - at 71kg on Sunday.

And the West Midlands combatant was soon forced on to the back-foot and made to counter-punch.

He tired as the fight wore on, particularly in the fourth round.

Both fighters were reluctant to pile on the pressure during the last session with fatigue a big factor, but Stevenson continued to run his opponent close, only to lose on points.

Breeze was competing in Class Five - boxers born in 1996 - at 66kg and won his third national title in his second year in the competition after seeing off Eunniss Chaima.

Threw

An all-action final 60 seconds from the two-time ABA Schoolboys champion may have been the key factor. It was a frantic finish during a close battle with Chaima, from Finchley ABC, London.

Breeze threw everything at his opponent in the last minute and the sheer volume of punches may have been enough to sway the judges, who gave him a majority decision points win.

A cagey first two rounds had preceded the third and final session with both fighters sitting back and waiting for the other to slip up, before Breeze took matters into his own hands.

Jones competed on Saturday, also in Class Five at

by Craig Birch



Champion Daniel Breeze

57kg against Jack Brooker, from Northolt ABC, London.

Jones overpowered his foe from the off, but was still taking no chances.

The fighting pride of Lions ABC, Dudley came out like a house on fire and peppered Brooker, setting up the big left hooks which shook his opponent.

At one point he seemed unlikely to come out of his corner for the second round but opted to box on rather than retire, only to come under severe fire again.

Jones switched his attacks to the body and left Brooker grimly clinging on at the end of the second, with a stoppage still a real possibility going into the final session.

But Jones, well clear on points, sat back and invited Brooker to come forward in his hope of saving the fight, priming him for counter-punches and a unanimous points victory.

Little belter Chloe called to represent country



Set to represent England Karate are Steve O'Gara and Chloe Machin at Pool Hayes Arts and Community School

A SCHOOLGIRL karate expert has been chosen to represent England in an international competition.

Chloe Machin, who has been training with Willenhall Karate Academy for two years, will compete in the 40th European Wadokai championships in Lisbon, Portugal, in October along with her instructor Steve O'Gara.

The 14-year-old Pool Hayes Arts and Community School pupil, of New Invention, who is a purple belt, trains three to four times a week.

Her mother Jackie said: 'She's only been doing karate for two years so she's done really well. We are looking for any sponsorship now as they require more intense training and

there's the flights too and accommodation in Portugal.'

Mr O'Gara, aged 35, who has been running the karate club for more than six years, said: 'It was tough to get selected. She put a lot of hard work in. I'm really proud of her.'

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Walsall find pacesetters too hot to handle

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE champions Walsall went down by two wickets at pacesetters Brockhampton.

Walsall were dismissed for 214, despite skipper David Powles' fine innings of 64.

Paul Wicker (34), Ben McFarlane (27 not out) and Mark Green (25) all chipped in as Charles Morris took 4-46 for the hosts.

Brockhampton chased down the total with more than seven overs to spare, although Walsall's Tim Maxfield took 4-61. Opener Henry Langford carried his bat for 88.

Wolverhampton's miserable start to the Birmingham League season continued as they lost by five wickets at **Barnt Green**.

Skipper Karl Quiney hit 44 and Simon Lycett 36 as Wolverhampton scored 182-9 from 50 overs, having recovered from 86-5 at one stage. But a quickfire 46 in just 27

Cricket

balls from Barnt Green's James Ord made the run chase a relatively simple task.

Wolverhampton are now bottom of the Premier Division having failed to win any of their first five games.

West Bromwich Dartmouth recorded a five-wicket win over **Himley** in an incredible game, that saw the visitors lose after scoring 320-3 batting first.

Himley skipper Greg Wright scored 186, the highest ever individual score at Sandwell Park, in an opening stand of 292 with Jamie Harris (87). Dartmouth's run chase began with an opening stand of 106 between Kadeer Ali (57) and Basit Zaman (51) followed by an unbeaten 88 from Zeeshan Asif. Navi Poonia (34), Rawlston Tappin

(33) and Mehraj Ahmed (33) all contributed to an amazing win.

Wombourne lost by two runs to **Walmley** after the hosts had been restricted to 237-9 thanks to Ed Denham (4-22) and Michael Hill (3-35). Wombourne appeared to be cruising with Jack Biddulph (85) and Mark Fisher (83) at the crease, but superb bowling from Shozair Ali denied them.

Old Hill got their first win of the campaign in a five-wicket victory over Shifnal, who reached 195-6 before Waqas Ahmed (4-23) took four wickets in four balls to bring the innings to an abrupt halt.

Nitesh Patel (62) and skipper Danny Cox then took over to earn Old Hill a much-needed victory. West Indian overseas star Andy Alexander struck an unbeaten 127 as **Stourbridge** recorded a 109-run win over Eastnor to go fifth in Division Two. Stour

made 286-4 batting first with Adam Lawley also scoring 54. Eastnor could only muster 177-8.

Halesowen's excellent run came to a halt as they were beaten by nine wickets at home to **Whitchurch**. Wes Griffiths' side were skittled out for just 84.

It was also a miserable day for **Fordhouses**, who lost by six wickets at home to Coventry and North Warwickshire despite Ian Walker's unbeaten 83.

Streety remain top of Division Three with a 100 per cent record after a comfortable 85-run win over Aston Manor.

Cannock were bowled out for 177 in reply to Tamworth's 241-5, while **Penkridge** climbed to third after beating **Milford Hall** by eight wickets.

Penn slipped to fifth following a 67-run defeat to **Kings Heath**.

Keane will now face challenge of Dawson

WALSALL'S Christopher Keane will challenge Neil Dawson for the WBO international cruiserweight title after the champion opted to defend rather than vacate his belt, *writes Craig Birch*.

Dawson was set to give up his crown so Keane could pick an opponent and box for the title on the BoxNation televised Martin Gethin bill at Walsall Town Hall tomorrow night.

But, after falling out of Prizefighter at the first hurdle earlier this month, Dawson will now defend against Keane just 13 days after last stepping through the ropes.

The Rotherham combatant boxed just three rounds on the night, so feels fit enough to take the risk against the unbeaten Midlands champion on his home turf.

The two are also firmly in the hunt for domestic honours - Dawson was set to challenge for the British title while Keane is the No.1 contender for the English crown.

Pleased

They will lock horns for an international belt and a world ranking in the meantime and Keane is pleased to have the chance to pit his wits against the 32-year-old.

He said: 'It's a good opportunity for me. My trainers, Paul Hudson and Dean Edwards, have studied his style and we are working on our game plan. I'm looking forward to it.'

The 27-year-old watched Dawson take part in Prizefighter at York Hall in London, where he lost on points with all three judges to Danny McIntosh.

And Keane warns he could do to Dawson what he did to Shane McPhilbin, who he dropped three times for a third-round stoppage at the same venue in January.

He said: 'I'm confident, but you have to, Dawson is a decent kid. He's tough and durable with loads of heart.'

'I think he will fight pretty similar to Shane McPhilbin and come at me early on. I'm feeling good, though, and will be ready for him.'

Shaw plays a belter to win medals

WALSALL Tae Kwon Do club's Emily Shaw has won gold and silver at the English championships.

Shaw battled her way to the final of the ladies middle red belt sparring division at the Coventry Skydome.

A tense final went to two 30-second extensions before Shaw narrowly lost out on the referee's decision and had to settle for silver.

But Shaw got her golden moment in the tag team event with fellow club member Asma Kouser. They were crowned ladies tag team red belt champions.

Instructor Jason Rowley said: 'Walsall Tae Kwon Do students are now focusing on the world championships this July.'

Rowley would welcome sponsorship of club members for the event. The club are also introducing Tiger classes for five to nines. They run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6.15-7pm at St Mary's The Mount Church, Gleebe Street.

Junior and adult beginners and intermediates train from 7-8pm with advanced session from 8-9pm.

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Move to Saddlers just right – Cutler

NEIL CUTLER reckons Walsall are his perfect match after confirming he is set to become the club's new goalkeeping coach.

The former Villa and Albion keeper was signing on a switch to the Saddlers from Scunthorpe United this week, after verbally agreeing to join Dean Smith's backroom staff.

Cutler is excited by the new challenge and believes the club can match his ambitions.

He said: "I pushed for it, definitely. I spoke to my agent about possible moves and when he told me there may be a position at Walsall, I was very keen on it."

"The chance to work with a great manager and a great young team is one I just couldn't miss out on."

"I want to be the best I can at my profession and I think coming to Walsall will help me to push my career on."

"Scunthorpe have agreed to let me go and I'll be signing a contract when I'm next in the West Midlands."

Cutler, who was born in Perton and has a house in Bridgnorth, will become the Saddlers' first goalkeeping coach since Eric McManus left in 2008.

The 36-year-old admits he was keen to leave Scunthorpe following their relegation to League Two.

Tournament is the biggest

TEAMS from Walsall have signed up for one of the world's biggest six-a-side tournaments.

They will take part in the Freebets.co.uk championships on Saturday, June 8. More than 250 teams are expected at Moor Lane Pavilion, in the shadow of Villa Park.

The tournament – run by the United Kingdom Mini-football Association – is said by organisers to be the biggest single one-day six-a-side football tournament in the world this year.

Head organiser Alex Young said: "It is going to be a fabulous day."

Team will compete for a £5,000 trophy and more than 200 squads have already confirmed their attendance, from as far south as Cornwall right up to the north of Scotland.

To book, visit www.uk6asidechampionships.com



Walsall Mayor Councillor Dennis Anson with Martin Gethin

Civic support for boxer's bid

MARTIN GETHIN has had civic backing as he prepares for tomorrow night's world title eliminator at Walsall Town Hall.

Gethin met Councillor Dennis Anson, Mayor of Walsall, and learned the history behind the building where the crucial bout will take place.

The British lightweight champion faces Panamanian Ammeth Diaz with the winner earning the right to tackle current IBF lightweight champion Miguel Vazquez.

During a break from his training routine, 29 year-old Gethin called

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into the town hall to meet the Mayor and chat about the fight.

"I really enjoyed meeting Martin and finding out more about him and how important this fight is for him both personally, as a Walsall lad, and professionally," said Councillor Anson.

"The fact we have a Walsall boxer headlining an event at Walsall Town Hall makes it extra special and I would like to wish Martin the best of luck."

Gethin has also taken part in an open training session at the Saddlers Shopping Centre and is enjoying the whole build-up towards fighting in his home town.

"It was a privilege to meet the Mayor and I'm really proud and honoured to have his support," said Gethin. "I love boxing at Walsall Town Hall. It's where I was crowned British Champion and it's a special venue. The atmosphere is electric."

Tickets are available from Walsall Town Hall box office on 0845 111 2900. Gethin versus Diaz will be televised live on BoxNation.

Pleased as punch to join pro ranks

NEW professional boxing duo Des Bowater and Tom Stokes insist the time is right to punch for pay as they prepare for their professional debuts tomorrow, **writes Craig Birch.**

The two boxed for Wodensborough ABC as amateurs and will ditch the head-guards and vests at Walsall Town Hall on the undercard of Martin Gethin's IBF final eliminator against Ammeth Diaz.

Bowater, a 21-year-old super-featherweight from Wednesfield, has reached the last two Midlands finals in the senior ABA competition.

In 2012, he and his opponent Sukjeevan Brar were both disqualified for persistent rule-breaking, before he lost a split decision to Jordan Cooke earlier this year.

That convinced him to leave the amateur ranks and tough Scot Michael Stupart will be his first test.

Decisions

He said: "I enjoyed being an amateur but I got fed up of being on the wrong end of bad decisions. It happened to me two years running in amateur finals and I have reached a stage where I want to move on from that."

West Bromwich welterweight Stokes will pit his wits against wily veteran Bheki Moyo, a South African-born Londoner.

The 18-year-old is the younger brother of Josh, another Wodensborough ABC fighter, who won a junior ABA national title in 2011.

He said: "It's a dream to turn pro on such a big night of boxing. Bheki Moyo is an experienced opponent, so it's a good first test for me."

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TILL BACKS GETHIN FOR SHOT AT GLORY

FORMER British lightweight contender Peter Till is backing fellow Walsall boxer Martin Gethin to win his crucial world title eliminator tomorrow night.

Gethin takes on Panama's Ammeth Diaz at Walsall Town Hall in an IBF final eliminator, meaning that he is just one step away from a world title shot, **writes Daniel Mole.**

Till is convinced that Gethin, the current British lightweight champion and IBF international titleholder, has what it takes to win his shot at glory.

And after 52 professional fights during an 11-year career, Till is as qualified as anybody to make the call.

"He's got a great chance," said Till. "If I was a bit younger, I'd have helped him with his sparring!"

"He's determined and brave and has a lot of heart. I think he'll beat Diaz."

"We're all backing him anyway. It's great that a fighter from Walsall is flying the Walsall flag."

Till, who is 50 this year, boxed all over Britain and held the Midlands area lightweight title.

Mantle

He regularly sparred with legendary world champion Barry McGuigan and is highly regarded in the boxing community.

Fighting out of the same town and at the same weight as Gethin, Till is delighted that the man 30 years his junior has picked up the mantle and now overtaken him as the most successful fighter to come out of Walsall.

"He's doing really well," added Till. "It's unbelievable what he's achieved really."

"He did what I failed to do; win the British lightweight title. For me, that Lonsdale Belt is the best in the world. I hope he goes out there and puts it all in and gets his

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chance for a world title shot. I wish him the best of luck."

The show, 'Ready to Silence the World' is promoted by Frank Warren in association with NEWOB Promotions.

It also features Walsall cruiserweight Chris Keane, who takes on Neil Dawson for the WBO international cruiserweight title.

Unbeaten Boston lightweight prospect Callum Johnson takes on veteran John Anthony while former Commonwealth welterweight title challenger Ronnie Heffron steps in with Kieron Gray.

Three fighters make their professional debuts – Wolverhampton super-featherweight Dezzie Bowater, West Bromwich welterweight Tom Stokes and Swadincote super-middleweight Craig Willshee.

They take on Michael Stupart, Bheko Moyo and John Mason respectively. Welsh super-featherweight Craig Evans is also in action against Billy Smith.

Completing the bill, undefeated Stafford super-middleweight prospect Grant Cunningham steps in with Kirill Psonko.

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Wicker sweeps his way to 34 but Walsall lose



Walsall batsman Paul Wicker hits one of five boundaries in his 34, watched by Brockhampton wicketkeeper Chris Powell. But Brockhampton won the Birmingham and District Premier match by two wickets. Report – Page 43

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